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# Imran listening, Trump says: Heard a very aggressive statement from India



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York on Monday. Reuters PAGE 7



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A DAY after Donald Trump shared the stage with Narendra Modi at the Howdy Modi event



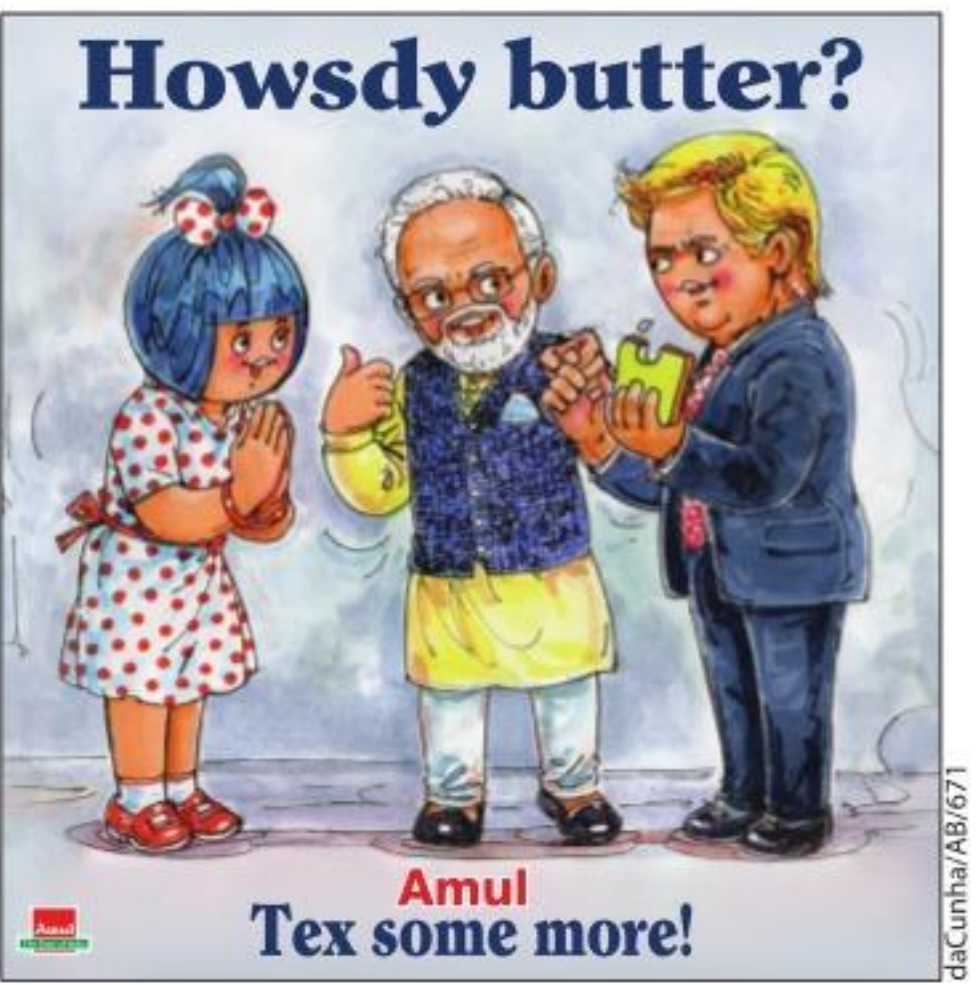
Imran Khan with Donald Trump on Monday. AP

in Houston, the US President said Monday that he will play the role of an arbitrator on Kashmir only

if asked to do so by both India and Pakistan.

"I am always ready to help. But it depends on both these gentlemen. I am ready, willing and able. If both want it, then I will do it," said Trump while speaking to reporters along with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan before their bilateral meeting.

"I have a very good relationship with PM Modi and I have a very good relationship with PM Khan. I have never failed as an arbitrator... I have done it before. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



## PSA against Farooq: J&K dossier has 27 charges, 3 FIRs, his quotes from 3 yrs ago

NAVEED IQBAL  
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 23

A J&K dossier on invoking the stringent Public Safety Act against National Conference leader and Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah runs into 21 pages and lists 27 charges, 16 police reports, three FIRs and 13 statements in favour of the abrogated Article 35A.

Abdullah, also a three-term Chief Minister of J&K, was already under detention at his Gupkar Road residence when the PSA order was issued against him by the Srinagar District Magistrate on September 14. His home was declared a subsidiary jail given his "standing" and "keeping in consideration his advanced age" — he will turn 82 next month.

The dossier notes that "the subject" has tremendous potential for creating an environment of public disorder within Srinagar district and other parts of the Valley. The conduct of the subject, it states, is seen as fanning the emotions of general masses against the Union of India, and instigating the public with statements against the unity and integrity of India.



Abdullah's home now a subsidiary jail

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNNY

Hereabouts, the historic tweets will be read about in history books.



His statements from 2016 are part of the state's dossier: "On the 11th birth anniversary of his father at Naseembagh Hazratbal, in December 2016... triggered controversy by making explicit overtures towards separatist conglomerate namely Hurriyat Conference by stating that they CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## EC Lavasa's wife, a former banker, gets tax notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

NOVEL SINGHAL Lavasa, a former banker who is a director on the board of at least three companies, was served a notice by the Income Tax department over a month ago. The notice pertains to her income tax returns, a source close to her said.

She is the wife of Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa who, during the campaign for the Lok Sabha elections, had on five occasions opposed the clean chit given by the Election Commission to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former BJP president Amit Shah on charges of violating the Model Code of Conduct.

In a statement Monday, Novel Lavasa said, "I have paid all taxes due towards me and disclosed all income earned by me from pension, and all other sources as per Income Tax law. It is clarified that having served as a Class I officer with the State Bank of India for 28 years and having acquired vast experience in banking and development, I continue to be engaged in various professional activities, including as an independent director in a few companies. I have CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Azamgarh: School girl gangraped, principal bars her, probe ordered

AVANEESH MISHRA  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 23

A SCHOOL girl, who was gangraped by two men while on her way to school in UP's Azamgarh district, has been asked by her school principal to stop attending classes. While the Azamgarh district magistrate has ordered a probe into the school's decision, police Monday arrested two men for the sexual assault.

The girl was abducted by two men in a SUV while she was on her way to the school Thursday. The family registered an FIR three days later.

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Tripura High Court. Senior advocate Arvind Datar requested the bench to keep the petition pending till the Centre acted on the Collegium's revised proposal to send Justice Kureshi to Tripura as Chief Justice instead of Madhya Pradesh as decided earlier.

"Matters of appointment, posting and transfer of judges go to root of administration of justice and therefore power of judicial review is severely limited," the bench said, adding "interference in system of administration of justice does not augur well for the institution".

On May 10, the Collegium, comprising CJI Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and N V Ramana, had recommended CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



## To POLLING BOOTH, IN DANTEWADA

Villagers take the boat to vote in Dantewada on Monday. Dipankar Ghose REPORT, PAGE 6

## Jharkhand lynching: Detained men's kin blame vigilante group

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
KHUNTI, SEPTEMBER 23

AS OFFICIALS and villagers suspected the involvement of a cow vigilante group operating in Khunti district a day after a man was lynched and two others injured by a mob that accused them of slaughtering a cow, Faagu Kachhap, injured in the assault, said Monday that he did not know the other two men attacked.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Kachhap claimed to be working in his field in Suari village when a mob "suddenly" attacked him, tied his hands and accused him of "slaughtering" a



Faagu Kachhap, one of the two injured. Abhishek Angad

cow.

On Sunday, three men in Suari village, Kalantus Barla, Philip Horo and Kachhap, were attacked by a mob that alleged they were carving an animal prohibited from being slaughtered. While Barla died on the

way to hospital, Horo and Kachhap are recovering.

Kachhap, who has injuries on his back, leg and hand, said the mob continued to beat him for half an hour for "committing no crime". He went to work on his field at around 7.30 am. "Suddenly, a lot of people came and started assaulting me. They said I had slaughtered a cow. I said I had done nothing of that sort, but they tied my hands and beat me up for half an hour," he said.

Kachhap said "he had no idea" who killed the cow and until Monday morning he could not even contact his family. "I was being beaten when the police came and I was rushed to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Regulator's nod: Health insurance premium can now be paid every month or quarter

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has allowed general and standalone health insurance companies to collect premium in various frequencies or instalments — monthly, quarterly or half-yearly — without filing with the regulator. Health insurance

premium were earlier collected on an annual basis by companies.

In a circular issued to the CEOs of insurance firms, the IRDAI has allowed health insurers to effect a decrease in minimum and/ or increase in maximum premiums, and maximum entry age. Typically, the maximum age limit of health insurance policies filed is up to 65 years. But the insurer can in-

crease the limit beyond 65 years or as per maximum age filed.

"However, the insurer needs to inform the regulator on certification basis and all the marketing channels with reference to these changes and then make the product available. If the insurer intends to make additions in the product designed for specific illnesses — for example, adding the number of illness under critical without any

change in premium — it should be implemented after following the correct filing process with stakeholders," said Rashmi Nandargi, Head — Retail Health, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

Minor changes can be made in the policy document to bring in more clarity or transparency to help the insured understand the product offering better without making any changes in the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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ATIKH RASHID  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

AS MANY as 11,000 film cans containing celluloid negatives of documentaries made by Films Division (FD) over the last several decades are being stored without any environment control in the corridors of its office in Mumbai.

Reason: Lack of space, say officials.

FD officials requested Pune-based National Film Archive of India (NFAI) to accept these reels for preservation. But NFAI expressed its inability to do so

because of space shortage at its own facilities.

According to information obtained under the RTI Act, the FD has sent 19,787 film cans to the NFAI in 21 tranches between September 1996 and December 2015 — but the NFAI can't accept any more at the moment as the two vaults it has earmarked for FD films are full.

Until three years ago, these FD reels were stored in air-conditioned rooms on the ninth floor of its Phase I building on Peddar Road in Mumbai. But in 2016, it had to vacate the space after the Union I&B Ministry decided to house the Central Board of Film

Certification (CBFC) in that space. The CBFC was earlier functioning from Walkeshwar.

The film cans were then shifted to the corridors of the sixth and seventh floors of the building, while 6,896 reels were sent to NFAI for safekeeping in three tranches. But 11,000 reels continue to be stored "temporarily" in the corridors.

In a communication dated November 14, 2018, the then FD Director-General Prashant Patrabhe sought the "urgent attention" of NFAI Director Prakash Magdum for preserving the "very valuable archival material". "...Still about 11000 cans of



Documentary reels in the corridors of the Films Division building on Peddar Road, Mumbai, in August. Atikh Rashid

negatives are remaining in the film library in this office. It's to state that these films are lying without air-conditioning and humidity control as Films Division does not have any proper storage facility. It's important to mention that these negatives are very valuable and require proper preservation in specific conditions (of temperature and humidity)," Patrabhe wrote.

FD Director-General Smita Vats Sharma, who took charge recently, could not be contacted for comment as she is on tour abroad.

Responding on her behalf,

Anil Kumar N, officer-in-charge for distribution at Films Division, said: "Films Division gives utmost priority to the preservation and upkeep of its filmic material. All the valuable picture negatives are preserved in NFAI vaults. The remaining materials are being segregated and shifted to a place with air-conditioning and humidity control in the Phase II building of FD till film vaults are made available by NFAI."

K L Senapati, Director (Administration), FD, said: "After the ninth floor was vacated for CBFC three years ago, these cans have been kept in their current place. We have contacted NFAI

to take them but they too are helpless due to shortage of space."

According to Senapati, "most of this material has been digitised". However, experts say celluloid holds immense archival value even after digitisation.

Santosh Ajmera, officer on special duty at NFAI who heads the National Film Heritage Mission, says the NFAI plans to construct new state-of-the-art storage facilities at a three-acre plot near its Kothrud premises that was recently acquired from the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

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EXCLUSIVE**ABVP SUPPORTERS CLASH WITH POLICE AFTER BEING STOPPED ON WAY TO JU**

Members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) on Monday staged a rally to protest against the assault of Union Minister Babul Supriyo in the hands of a section of Jadavpur University students last week. The protesters waved flags and held banners as they tried to jump the police barricades

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# High Court frowns on woman leaving kids to live with partner

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 23

DECLINING A live-in couple's plea for protection from threats, the Punjab and Haryana High Court in an order said the court "under no circumstances can approve of such conduct" after it was informed that the woman had left behind her two minor children to live with her partner. The Tarn Taran-based woman, along with her live-in partner, had approached the HC for directions to the authorities for necessary steps for protection of their life and liberty. The couple apprehended threats from the woman's husband.

Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa, in the order, noted that woman was 32 years old and was married with two children from the marriage. "She apparently has aban-

doned her matrimonial home and is now stated to be in a live-in relationship with petitioner no. 2, who is 11 years younger," it noted in the order, released on September 13.

After the counsel representing the couple conceded that the two children have been left behind to be looked after by her husband, the court said, "This court, under no circumstances can approve of such conduct at the hands of the petitioners".

The court said that even otherwise, the pleadings on record in the petition are "wholly insufficient" to infer any imminent danger to the life and liberty of the couple. "No intervention is called for," the court said.

In cases seeking directions for protection, the HC usually passes directions to police authorities to look into the apprehensions and provide security if the situation requires it.

# No non-veg food on Gandhi Jayanti in Western Railways

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 23

AHEAD OF Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on October 2, the Western Railways announced on Monday that it will not serve non-vegetarian food on its "premises" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Last year, Indian Railways had introduced a similar diktat on Gandhi Jayanti — by banning non-veg food for a day — but had backtracked after facing criticism from the public.

A circular issued on Monday by Assistant Commercial Manager F M Gaurav Jain of Ahmedabad division, reads, "The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is to be observed in a befitting manner from October 2, 2018 to October 2, 2020. The board desires that 2nd October, 2019, should be celebrated as a totally vegetarian day... on the Western Railway premises. All station masters are advised to follow instructions..."

On official of the Western Railways said the diktat will also extend to licensed eateries and stalls on railway stations and that eggs are also banned.

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Farooq Abdullah

should unite with his party for the cause of Kashmir."

One of the charges against Abdullah is that he "justified acts of terror undertaken by anti-national elements by glorifying terrorists".

It notes his July 2019 statement wherein he is quoted as having said, "If Article 370 is temporary, then Jammu and Kashmir's ties with India are also temporary."

His statements to the press have also been included to exhibit incitement to offence. "Public statements made by Dr Abdullah e.g. asking separatist organisation Hurriyat conference to join hands for so called freedom struggle, thereby launching a movement for secession, threatening about the hoisting of national flag in an integral part of the country... clearly makes out a strong case... has willfully and deliberately misled the freedom of speech and expression so brazenly to incite offences aimed at disturbing public order in the state,"

The state has also noted his reference to Kashmir as "this nation" and recorded his statement "showing support for militants" as "posing threat to life and liberty of people".

Post the February 14 Pulwama attack that claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel, Abdullah's statement "reflecting his sacrilegious agenda by insulting valour of brave forces" has also been included in the dossier. It records a March 2019 statement where he said, "I doubt 40 CRPF soldiers were killed in the Pulwama attack."

In the run-up to changes in the constitutional provisions made on August 5, it notes that he "crossed the limits of guaranteed freedom of speech and expression" by calling for "an uprising" in the state.

On the issue of Article 370 and Article 35A, the dossier states that "instead of debating the legal provisions", Abdullah "chose to incite public by making charged statements like 'severing ties with India'". Additionally, his statement asking people to "prepare for rebellion against India" and talk of "not allowing hoisting of national flag" have been used to build the case for PSA against him.

Of the three FIRs recorded in the dossier, two have been filed in J&K while one was filed in Delhi.

Sources said a senior police officer had suggested that Abdullah be kept in preventive custody without invoking the PSA. But the government, sources said, insisted on the PSA. "It was to send a message to other mainstream leaders and workers that the State will not desist from using harsh measures against them if they don't agree to the new reality. After two MPs from National Conference were allowed to meet Abdullah, the feeling in the government was that he was not in a mood to dilute his stance and was insisting on fighting the scrapping of Article 370 and Article 35A," sources said.

A note prepared by J&K authorities to provide a context to the PSA order states that invoking the law against the Subject (Abdullah) is necessitated by compelling circumstances... Though, it is not something which is desirable, however, this step in view of the current circumstances became absolutely unavoidable. The activities attributed to the Subject just prior to dilution of Article 370 of the Constitution of India left no option open to the authorities but to resort to preventive detention law".

"The credible apprehensions which came to be entertained in view of the clear cut intention demonstrated by him can be described anything except peace-

# 'Heard aggressive statement from India'

But I have to be asked by the other side," said Trump, who is likely to hold a bilateral meeting with Modi Tuesday.

However, the US President made it clear at least thrice, while responding to questions from Pakistani media, that he will help only if asked to by both sides. This has been his position in the last few weeks, after the initial statement in July about Modi asking him to mediate — a claim that was immediately denied by India.

Trump also referred to Modi's speech at the Houston event, where the Prime Minister had indirectly referred to Pakistan while calling for a "decisive battle against terrorism".

"I heard a very aggressive statement yesterday from India. I was there. I didn't know that I was going to hear that statement, I have to say, from India, from the Prime Minister. It was very well-received in the room, and it was a large room with 50,000 people... I hope things work out," Trump said.

At the Houston event, Modi had said that India's actions within its boundaries are "causing discomfort to some people who are unable to manage their own country".

He had also said that "these people" support and nurture terrorism — and drew a parallel between 26/11 in Mumbai and 9/11 in the US, while indicating that the conspirators

were in Pakistan.

Asked about the human rights situation in Kashmir, the US President said: "I want everyone to be treated well. I want it to be humane." Asked about Pakistan being a hub of terrorism, Trump pointed to Iran and criticised Tehran instead.

On the progress made by Pakistan on acting against terrorists, Trump said: "I heard they are making great progress. You have a great leader. And that's how it should be, otherwise, there's just chaos and poverty."

Khan, who was quiet most of time, said the US has a responsibility as the most powerful country in the world. He

said he would ask Trump to tell Modi to "lift the siege" in Kashmir.

"The US wanted to help if both countries asked. But India is refusing. This is beginning of a crisis... and it can get bigger," Khan said.

Earlier Monday, before his meeting with Trump, Khan said during an interaction at the Council on Foreign Relations, a think tank in New York, that he was against war. "I am and will always be a pacifist. I am anti-war. I don't believe wars solve problems. I will be trying my best," he said.

Khan is scheduled to speak at the UN General Assembly in New York on September 27 — after Modi.

# Shah floats single multipurpose ID card

If a child's birth is registered and there is no death registered until he is 18, can the electoral rolls not automatically include him?" he said. "Can a registered death not automatically remove the person from the electoral rolls?"

While schemes used to be developed in piece-meal fashion, Shah said 22 schemes were designed using 2011 census data, of which the most significant was the Ujjwala (gas cylinder) Yojana. The dry areas without cylinders were digitally mapped and provided the basis for mapping the gas agencies.

"2021 census will be the census' transformation from a paper census to a digital one,"

Shah said, adding the potential for new data analysis and visualisation with census data. "We can take this forward with a scientific approach."

In the first phase of the Census 2021 test run, over 90 per cent of the enumerators opted to use a smartphone app to collect information, as reported first by *The Indian Express*. They will be given an incentive of Rs 5,000 each. At the end of the house-listing test phase in the beginning of September, mobile phones had synced the figures for 7.7 lakh houses with 26 lakh people to an official web portal, according to official data.

As for potential links to other online portals, an RGI of-

ficial told *The Indian Express* that not all states are on an online portal for birth and death registrations as of now.

RGI has received permission with UIDAI to allow a voluntary question for Aadhaar number in the NPR form, official sources said. There will be no biometric authentication in the census.

"Who we can share the census data with and how, that process is still being developed," the official said. The census cannot share an individual's information but can share aggregate patterns of the data.

This time, three optional mobile applications — house-listing, population enumeration, National Population

Register — as well as the web portal were developed in-house by a seven-person team in the Data Processing Unit (DPU) of the Registrar General, which has a 1 PB storage centre. The RGI has floated a tender for a systems integrator to take on the technical aspects of the census after the test period.

The census test period will end September 30. Census officials are holding a two-day meeting this week to deliberate on feedback from the test period.

The census will be conducted in 16 languages, while the enumerators' instruction manual has 18 languages. The RGI official said only 1 per cent of the country speaks English.

ful... The Subject has indulged in such protestation which unequivocally bordered on posing the imminent threat to the public order. The supporting material which corroborates and confirmed the apprehension of the authorities is consisting of 34 media reports/ documents," it states.

**Azamgarh**

the register and all relevant documents. The claim that it is just a coaching centre and not a school is part of the investigation," she said.

The local village head told *The Indian Express*: "She was on her way to school Thursday morning when two youths in a SUV forcefully took her. She was sexually assaulted and was left at a secluded place. She somehow managed to reach to a country-made liquor shop and raised an alarm."

"The girl's clothes were blood soaked and she was taken to her school. There, instead of informing the police, the principal called her parents and said he was striking her name from the school records."

SP Azamgarh Triveni Singh said the FIR against the two accused was registered Sunday on the complaint of her father and that the accused were arrested the next day.

"An FIR was registered under IPC sections 376-D (gangrape), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) along with relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against Sikandar and Rishi Kapoor," said SHO Sher Singh Tomar, adding that Sikandar works as a driver and Kapoor runs a mobile phone shop.

Tomar said the SUV has been seized and that the girl was taken to the district hospital for a medical examination Monday.

Azamgarh DM Nagendra Prasad Singh said no school had the right to remove a student on

such terms and said the SDM has been asked to conduct an inquiry into the matter along with providing the girl support.

"If the allegations against the school are true then stern action will be taken against them. I assure that education of the girl will not be affected. We will talk to her parents and the girl also. As far as the claim by the principal that he is running just a coaching centre, several schools are making similar claims after we recently started a campaign to identify and shut schools running without proper permission. So far, we have shut 16-17 such schools in the last three months and slapped fines of more than Rs 1 lakh. It is very possible that the principal is lying," said Singh.

District Inspector of Schools B P Sharma said that he had no information about the matter and will take cognizance on Tuesday.

**I-T notice**

replied to all I-T notices received since 5th August 2019 and have been cooperating with the ongoing process of the Department."

According to Toller, an online corporate information website, Novel Lavasa is on the board of Welspun Solar Punjab, Omax Autos and Powerlinks Transmission.

An Income Tax department official said the notice has been sent to her. The official did not go into details.

**Insurance**

terms and conditions, Nandargi said.

The regulator has allowed additional distribution channels to be introduced for specific products on certification basis without waiting for the regulator's approval — with no changes to the terms and conditions. There is also a provision to change the premium by increasing or decreasing by 15 per cent depending on the loss-ratio range.

"Overall, the guidelines are a welcome change since they help

in making the distribution of insurance products better and increase transparency in the product offering. The regulator has allowed the insurers with their previous experience to make changes in the product to help benefit the consumers. They have also made the implementing process faster for the insurer compared to the earlier, longer filing process," Nandargi said.

According to IRDAI, "There shall be no change in basic premium table and charging structure under the approved individual product to which new premium payment mode (frequency) is being added. Factors applicable, if any, to allow the change of premium payment mode (frequencies) shall be fair and reasonable."

It said: "The premium mode (frequency) proposed to be added may be monthly, quarterly or half-yearly and the resulting premium amounts under each mode (frequency) are consistent with premium amounts under other premium modes (frequencies) of the underlying product."

IRDAI said change of premium rates resulting in the increase should be only after expiry of three years from the date of launch of approved or modified individual product. "There shall be a gap of at least three years from the date of change effected, before effecting any subsequent increase in the premium under these guidelines," it said.

**Films Division**

"Once the work is completed, there would be enough space available to safeguard not only Films Division material but also material from different sources and film labs," said Ajmera.

NFAI officials say they are now planning to hire private facilities to store reels received from other agencies — a proposal has been sent to I&B Ministry.

Responding to an RTI query on the documentaries in the cans stored in the corridors, FD officials

said they were in the process of compiling a digital list.

Subsequently, The Indian Express received the names of 50 documentaries whose "master positives" are stored in the corridors, including "I am 20" (1967), directed by S N Sastri and produced by FD's then chief producer Jean Bhowanagary.

The documentary, which was recently posted on YouTube by FD, contains interviews of several young men and women who were born in 1947 about India as a nation, its present and future.

The list also includes "Mandu: The City of Joy (1957)" about the ancient capital of the Malwa kingdom in western MP; "The Grand Old Man of 19th Century" (1967) on the life and works of Jagannath Shankar Seth in building Mumbai as a modern city; and, "Akbar (1967)", which won the national award for Best Educational and Motivational Film that year.

**Jharkhand**

hospital. I managed to contact my family from the hospital Monday morning. I had just gone out for work," said Kachhap, who now has a policeman standing guard next to him.

According to a senior official, the role of a cow protection vigilante group is also being probed for its involvement in the violence.

Four men are accused of murder, attempt to murder and rioting in the FIR along with 15-18 unnamed men. SP Rural (Ranchi) Ashutosh Shekhar, who is also overseeing the investigation in Khunti, said: "We are conducting raids. Let them get arrested."

The role of a vigilante group is also being discussed in the villages of Jaltanda and Suari. On Monday afternoon, a few residents of Jaltanda village—a few kilometres from Suari—protested against members of their family being detained by police.

Rupan and Sukarprna Devi were among those protesting at

Jaltanda village and claimed their sons and husbands were being picked up by the police. Rupan Devi said, "This was the work of some cow protection vigilante group and they were not from here. Why has the police then picked up our people? We have got nothing to do with the violence," she said.

Her opinion was seconded by some around her, who also claimed that the group has been active in the area for "some time".

Jharkhand ADG (operations) M.L. Meena said: "Until now, there has been no link of the accused to any organisation." In a press release, police said: "Reportedly, prohibited meat was sold after which some anti-social elements beat up the villagers." The release stated that after police were told of the incident, they acted "promptly".

Doctor Anshuman Sharma at the Karra block Community Health Centre said that all three persons assaulted were brought to the hospital at 11 am. "Horo and Kachhap were injured but Barla had suffered grievous injuries and his pulse and BP was deteriorating. We referred him to the district hospital. He must have suffered internal injuries as we heard that he died later."

At Suari village, Gabriel Horo, a tribal Christian said that Sunday morning most villagers had gone to Church. "Nobody saw anything, and we only have accounts of children coming from school who had gathered at the spot. What we hear is that a cow was being slaughtered and somebody gave a tip-off to the cow vigilante group who came and started beating anyone."

Monika Kandulna, a relative of Philip Horo who was injured in the mob attack, said that Horo had gone to the river to bathe when the incident occurred. "He was needlessly beaten. Only Kalantus Barla could say who all was involved, but he is no more," she said.

**Judges posting**

that Justice Kureshi, who is the "senior-most judge from Gujarat High Court" be appointed Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

But the government referred the proposal back to the CJ through two communication dated August 23 and August 27 along with "accompanying material". The Collegium went through it and, on September 5, decided to reiterate its recommendation to recommend his elevation as CJ but with the tweak that it will be to the Tripura High Court and not MP as decided earlier.

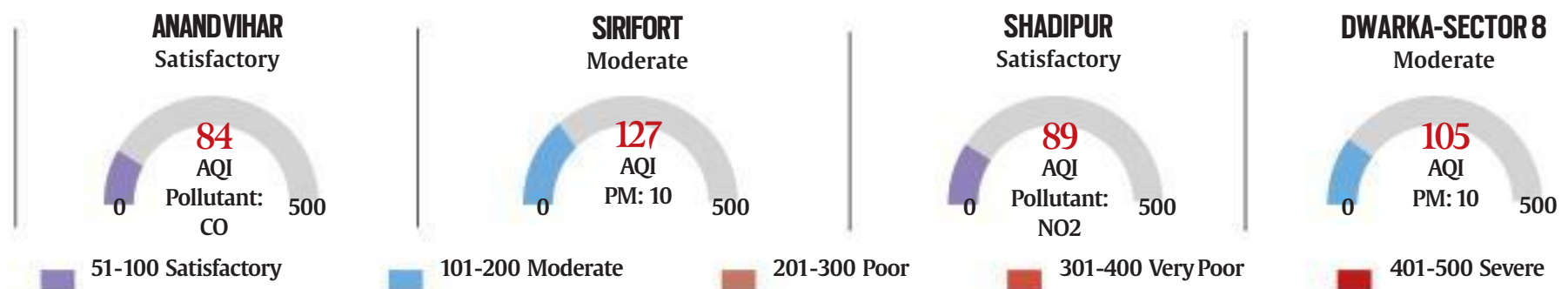
"On reconsideration and after taking into account the aforesaid two communications... and the accompanying material, the Collegium decides to reiterate its earlier recommendation dated 10th May 2019 with the modification that Mr Justice A A Kureshi be appointed as Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court," the September 5 resolution of the Collegium stated.

With the Centre delaying elevation of Justice Kureshi despite the Collegium recommendation, the Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association moved the Supreme Court. It described the Centre "withholding the appointment" despite the May 10 recommendation as "arbitrary inaction".

Hearing it, a bench headed by the CJ asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist with the matter and take it up with the Centre.

On August 28, the CJ said he had received a "communication" from the Department of Justice on the matter and that it will be placed before the Collegium. Subsequently, on September 16, the CJ said that a decision on the matter had been taken and will be made public soon.





## MODEL BASED ON CCTV INSTALLATION

# With 2.1 lakh streetlights, CM goes after capital’s dark spots

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal announced Monday that the Delhi government will start installing 2.10 lakh streetlights — globally the biggest such capacity enhancement — to illuminate dark spots from November 1 through a participatory model involving MLAs and residents.

The government, in a statement, said the project, where the capacity enhancement would be about 30%, has no parallels globally. There are currently around 7 lakh streetlights in the capital.

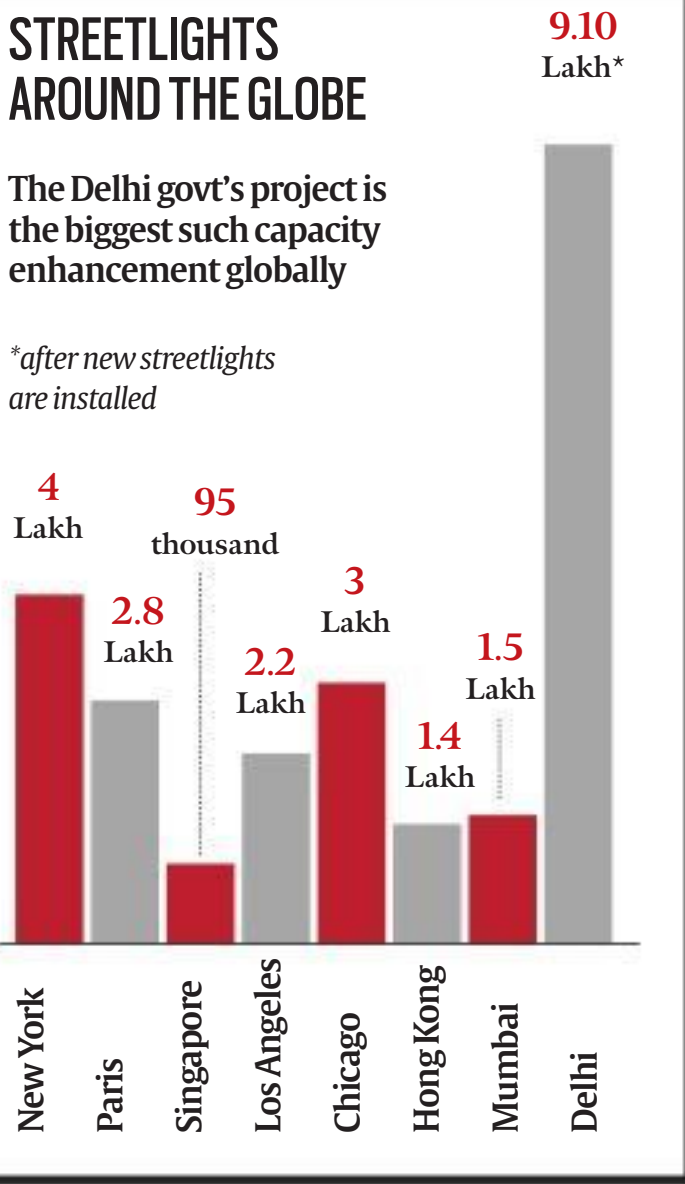
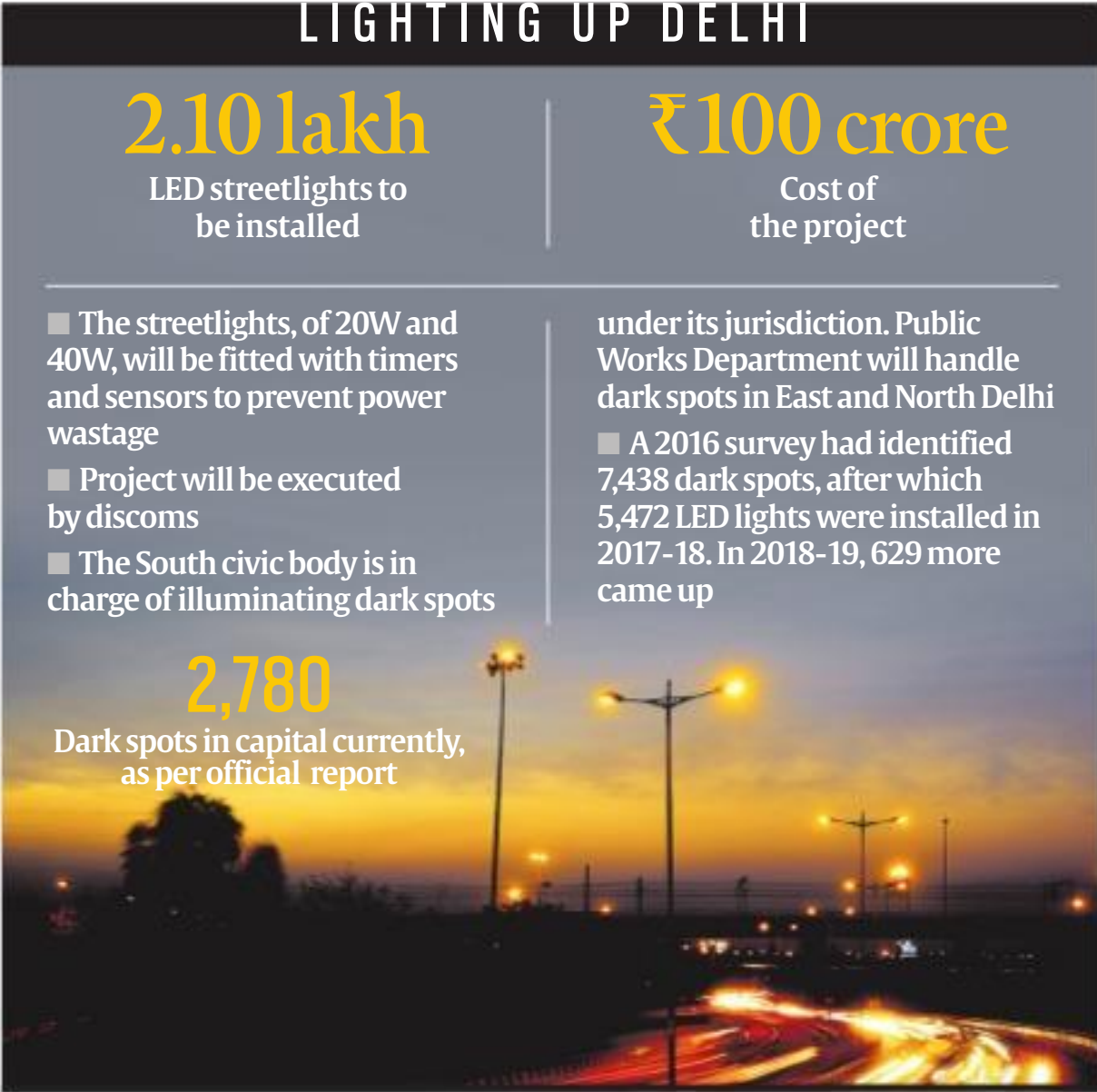
The Rs 100-crore project, named ‘Mukhyamantri Street Light Scheme’, will be executed in line with the model being followed in installing around 3 lakh CCTVs, the CM said at a press conference, terming it as the “biggest step yet for women’s safety”.

Under the scheme, MLAs and residents will jointly identify dark spots, which will then be checked by private discoms — BRPL, BYPL and TPDDL — for feasibility. “The discoms will be responsible for installation and maintenance of the lights. We will reimburse them,” Kejriwal said.

Over the years, multiplicity of authorities in Delhi has emerged as a major stumbling block in installation of streetlights. Due to lack of coordination between the elected government and municipal bodies, streetlights could not be installed despite identification of dark spots, mainly due to tussle over land to install poles. Space crunch in unauthorised colonies was another factor that hindered the process.

“In this case, MLAs and residents will identify spots, which can be someone’s residence even. Every such household will have to give a consent letter and we will get the lights installed. They will get rebates on power bills based on the power drawn by the lights,” the CM said, adding, “Lights installed under the scheme will have sensors; it will automatically turn on and off.”

In the CCTV project too, the government is providing rebates in power bills for houses that have given space to install cameras.



The CM said discoms will take care of installation, maintenance. **Amit Mehra**

Kejriwal said the execution will take around two-three months. Apart from the one-time installation cost of Rs 100 crore, the tender component will also have an Annual Maintenance Clause of Rs 10 crore, he said.

Kejriwal alleged that the MCDs, governed by the BJP, were “refusing” to give NOCs to set up streetlights. “In this case, permission of only the MLA and building owner is required,” he said.

North MCD standing committee chairperson Jai Prakash said: “The corporation has always supported any development initiative by any agency. But since he (CM) did not care about this for the past four years, he is now blaming us...”

## New plan hopes to alter script, give power to the homeowner

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

MAKING DELHI free of dark spots has been a challenge authorities have been grappling with for a while now.

Concerns had deepened after the December 16, 2012, gangrape, and Delhi Police PCR vans were then directed to send reports of dark stretches on a daily basis to the Public Works Department (PWD), so it could be updated on its website. The practice continued till November 9, 2015, before it was discontinued.

On October 14, 2015, the AAP government announced it will identify dark spots as soon as possible. In fact, AAP’s poll manifesto had observed that “70% of Delhi’s streetlights do not work. AAP will ensure 100% lighting of streets across the city so that no miscreant or anti-social activity

goes unnoticed”.

It was only in October 29, 2016, that the government shared the number of dark spots in the city — PWD Minister Satyendar Jain released the figures of a study conducted by NGO Safetipin, which put the number of such spots at 7,438 under areas falling under the North and South MCDs.

A deadline of March 2017 was fixed to illuminate all such spots. Since corporations did not have the financial heft to carry out the exercise, PWD got the task. Later, the deadline was revised to January 2018.

According to official data, in 2017-18, 5,472 LED lights were installed and energised. For the remaining 1,956, poles were installed, but lights were not put due to “non-installation of meter by the North MCD”.

In 2018-19, 629 more poles were energised, meeting 82% of

the target. The Lt-Governor’s office recently shared data, according to which the number of dark spots is 2,780, indicating that many poles plunged back into darkness due to maintenance issues.

“This is why we had to think out of the box; jurisdictional issues were coming in the way. Involvement of RWAs, like in the case of CCTVs, empowers people to take control of basic necessities, instead of being hostage to power games,” an official said.

“The lights we are going to install will draw electricity from individual households. We will reimburse the amount but it is going to ensure faulty lights will not go unattended for days. Their involvement will help us identify crime-prone spots better. And of course, no tussle over installing poles or finding space for them.”

## High Court pulls up JNU over handling of PhD student’s sexual harassment complaint

PRITAMPALSINGH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE DELHI High Court has pulled up Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) over the manner in which it handled an alleged sexual harassment case, filed by a PhD student against two professors, and sought the presence of the varsity’s registrar. Justice Prathiba M Singh also issued notice to JNU on the woman’s plea, which alleged that despite a recommendation by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) that a competent authority shall reconsider her application for the PhD Programme, the authority is neither accepting nor rejecting the same. It expressed displeasure over JNU counsel Ginny J Rautray’s contention that the woman’s appeal has already been decided by the vice-chancellor in October 2018.

Advocate Dibyanshu Pandey, appearing for the woman, said his client was not given a hearing, which is compulsory as per Section 18 of Sexual Harassment

of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

The JNU counsel submitted that the admissions committee reconsidered the application, and had taken a decision in September 2018 to not recommend the woman’s registration to the PhD course. The woman’s counsel said no such order by the admissions committee was communicated to the woman, who has been evicted from campus. Justice Singh, in her order, recorded: “A perusal of the recommendations (of ICC) shows that JNU had to take various steps pursuant to the recommendations. It is not clear as to whether any steps were taken... Further, the status of the appeals filed by the petitioner...and defendants (two professors)...is also not clear.

Observing that “no orders have been passed by the appellate authority in respect of appeals”, the court also sought the copies of appeals to be submitted on the next date of hearing on December 9. “A specific affidavit shall be filed by the registrar, JNU, as to the status of the decision, if any, taken on the representation made by the petitioner...seeking re-registration...in PhD course...”

“The affidavit should also contain the clear stand of JNU as to whether the appeal was, in fact, filed before the appellate authority, if any of the parties were heard, and if any orders have been passed in the same,” it said.

“The registrar, JNU, shall remain present in court on the next date,” the judge concluded.

The court’s order came after the woman, who was allegedly assaulted by the two professors in January 2018, moved the High Court alleging that she is being further victimised by the institution. She alleged that the university is protecting the offenders even after ICC found them guilty.

The ICC found both professors guilty, yet exonerated them citing administrative lapses, she alleged. It, however, levied a fine of Rs 5,000 on both professors, and had recommended that both should be censured.

## Cops suspect budding criminals murdered woman inside her car

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

TWO DAYS after a 59-year-old woman was shot dead in a car outside a temple in East Delhi, investigators suspect the attack was carried out by budding criminals from Ghaziabad’s Pasonda village.

The incident took place around 6.40 am Saturday when the woman, Usha Rani, working as an assistant manager with an insurance company, was waiting in the car for her husband, Kailash Chand Gupta (64), who had gone to the temple in Madhu Vihar.

“We have checked several CCTVs along the route taken by Rani, but did not find the assailants tailing them. That said, it seems like the accused were well aware with the topography of the area,” a senior police officer said.

Preliminary investigation suggests the two accused are robbers who mainly target people early in the morning, when traffic is less.



The victim, Usha Rani; (right) a video grab of the attack



Police suspect they stopped their bike after finding her alone in the car, outside the temple. “Prime facie, it appears that the assailant fired when he saw her accelerating her car and trying to escape. We initially suspected some personal enmity or property dispute, but have so far not found anything from questioning her family members. We have found two eyewitnesses and are taking their help,” the officer said.

In CCTV footage of the murder, the two attackers, wearing helmets, are seen on a bike, next to the car. After the woman gets out of the passenger side of the car and shifts to the driver seat, one of the attackers stays on the bike while the other approaches her window.

“Within seconds, he started knocking on the car’s window and tried to smash it with the butt of his pistol, even as the woman tried to escape by accelerating the vehicle. But he ran after the car and shot the woman from close range. The bullet pierced the window and hit her on the head,” an officer said.

## Cop suspended for video leak

New Delhi: A day after exchange of fire between Delhi Police and four unidentified assailants near Akshardham Temple, a constable posted with Mandawali police station was suspended Monday for allegedly posting CCTV footage of the incident on a WhatsApp group of his police station.

A wireless message was flashed informing that the constable had been suspended “for posting a sensitive video on a WhatsApp group”. All SHOs were asked to inform their subordinates not to forward any sensitive footage.

Police said the East district was trying to bust a gang which robs people after offering them rides. “Acting on information, a team from Mandawali police station, laid a trap near Akshardham Metro station Sunday night. When the gang arrived in their white car, a police officer signalled at them to come out of the vehicle. Instead, they fired a round at the officers and drove towards Geeta Colony flyover. The team tried to chase them and also fired a round, but the assailants managed to escape,” an officer said, adding that footage of the video was leaked to media. During enquiry, it was found that the suspended constable had uploaded it on a WhatsApp group. **ENS**

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Sd/-  
(Prof. Rajnish Jain)  
**Secretary**

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## DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI F-17, KARKARDOOMA, DELHI- 110032 Ph. No: 011-22309220, Email: dirdhs@nic.in CORRIGENDUM

With reference to Public Notice regarding classification of laboratories and qualification for signing of laboratory reports issued by Directorate General of Health Services, Government of NCT of Delhi in newspapers on 12.12.2018, a corrigendum is being issued in this regard which reads as below:

All medical diagnostic laboratories situated in NCT of Delhi are to be classified into three categories, namely, Basic Composite; Medium and Advanced and the owners of all pathological laboratories situated in NCT of Delhi are directed to display a signage at a conspicuous place in their premises regarding the category of their pathological laboratory.

Further, in pursuance to the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India vide Order dated 12.12.2017 in SLA (C) No. 28529/2010 in the matter of North Gujarat Unit of Association of Self Employed Owners (Paramedical) of Private Pathology Laboratories of Gujarat versus North Gujarat Pathologists Association & Ors. regarding the signing of Laboratory reports, the following directions are being issued:

a) The reports of the Advanced category and Medium category laboratories are to be signed either by doctors registered with Delhi Medical Council having Post-Graduate qualification in Pathology/ Bio-chemistry/Microbiology/ Laboratory Medicine or having MBBS with Ph.D qualification in Pathology/ Bio-chemistry/Microbiology/ Laboratory Medicine.

b) The reports of Basic Composite laboratory are to be signed by doctors registered with Delhi Medical Council having minimum MBBS Degree.

The general public is hereby informed that the list of laboratories surveyed / mapped by this Directorate can be viewed on Delhi Government Website [www.health.delhigovt.nic.in](http://www.health.delhigovt.nic.in) and in case they find that the reports provided by a Pathological Laboratory situated in NCT of Delhi is not signed in accordance to aforementioned directions, they may complaint either to Secretary, Delhi Medical Council, 308A, 3rd Floor, Administrative Block, Maulana Azad Medical College, BSZ Marg, New Delhi-110002 ([delhimedicalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:delhimedicalcouncil@gmail.com)) or Director General of Health Services, F-17, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 ([dirdhs@nic.in](mailto:dirdhs@nic.in)).

Sd/  
**Director General Health Services**  
**Government of NCT of Delhi**

DIP/Shabdarth/0712/19-20

## NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW CAUSE [SCR, Order XXII] IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) No. 5663 OF 2018	
THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND THROUGH SECRETARY HOME DEPARTMENT VIJAY KUMAR DAS	...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s) VERSUS ...Respondent(s)
To,	
1. VIJAY KUMAR DAS S/O JIWAN DAS, R/O BABU BARHI, DISTRICT- MADHUBANI, BIHAR	PID: 241495/2019 FOR R1] IN SLP/(CRL) NO.5663/2018 (SEC II)
1A. VIJAY KUMAR DAS S/O JIWAN DAS, R/O HALL THOKER NO.10, PS KANKHAL, DISTRICT- HARDWAR, UTTARAKHAND	PID: 241496/2019 IN SLP/(CRL) NO.5663/2018 (SEC II)

Whereas the Petition for SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) above-mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by **Mr. JASWANT SINGH RAWAT**, advocate on-record, on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named, was listed for hearing before the Court on **12th July, 2018** and the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-  
" **Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material. Delay condoned. Application for exemption from filing OT is allowed. Issue notice.**"

AND WHEREAS, the service of show cause notice could not be effected on unserved sole Respondent and the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar’s Court from time to time and lastly listed on 05th September, 2019, When the following order was passed:-

"**Ld counsel for the petitioner is granted four weeks time as last opportunity for curing the defects in the proof of publication in respect of the sole respondent. However, Id. Counsel for the petitioner requested for re-issuance of notice of substituted service. Be issued. List again on 22.10.2019.**"

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above matter(s) will be posted for hearing before the Court in due course when you may appear before this Court either in person or through an advocate-on-record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within thirty days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why special leave as prayed for, be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed. You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule VI of Order XXII, SCR 2013, within thirty days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than two weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court against whose order the SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if you fail to enter appearance, as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Sd/-  
**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Dated : 11th September, 2019



DEMAND HIGHER COMPENSATION

45 farmers held for protest over Jewar land, police deny link

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 23

AROUND 45 farmers were taken into custody Monday for protesting against the compensation provided by the administration in lieu of land acquired for the upcoming Jewar Airport.

Police, however, denied that the protests were linked to the airport agitation. Police claimed the farmers were being led by a group of people who wanted to put pressure on the administration over demolition of illegal structures in a Jewar village a few days ago. "Some farmers were moving towards the Jewar toll plaza to stage a protest. Before they could reach, 45 farmers were taken into custody after being challaned under IPC Section 151. They will be produced in the lower court, after which they will either be released on bail or kept

in jail. The protest was motivated by reasons other than compensation," said SP (Rural) Gautam Budh Nagar Ranvijay Singh.

Farmers claimed the administration "cheated" them in the name of acquisition. "Our demand that we be granted four times the compensation has not been met. Our land was declared urban, which robbed us of our benefits as rural farmers... The protest will continue even as most of our brothers continue to be arrested," said Rakesh Thakur, a farmer.

B N Singh, Gautam Budh Nagar DM, said: "The person leading the protest has already placed a query in the High Court, which is being deliberated upon. The party concerned decided to disturb law and order in the region instead of waiting for the court's decision. Action was taken to maintain peace. The process of land acquisition is going smoothly."

HC flags VVIP treatment given to Sushil Ansal

New Delhi: Observing how a convict in a multiple culpable homicide case could be treated as a VVIP, the Delhi High Court questioned the manner in which real estate baron Sushil Ansal was issued the F-token, which is used to get a short validity passport.

Sushil and his brother Gopal had been convicted in the 1997 Uphar cinema fire tragedy that claimed 59 lives. **ENS**

'FELL BETWEEN TWO VEHICLES, I COULD HAVE DIED'

Woman dragged out of moving auto by snatchers, another almost run over

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

MINUTES AFTER a 28-year-old journalist boarded an auto-rickshaw in South Delhi's CR Park Sunday evening, two men on a bike pulled her out of the slow-moving vehicle and snatched her phone.

Joymala Bagchi, a reporter with ANI, suffered injuries on her chin, jaw and arms, and is currently undergoing treatment at the AIIMS Trauma Centre. The incident took place around 5.45 pm.

Bagchi said she was checking her phone in the auto when two men on a bike drove next to the vehicle and forcibly dragged her out. She said that since there was traffic, the auto was moving slowly.

"The rider grabbed my right



Joymala Bagchi, a reporter with ANI, suffered injuries on her chin, jaw and arms; (right) Grab from a video of the Sadar Bazar incident shows the woman falling in front of a van



arm and the one riding pillion grabbed my left and they pulled me out. I fell between the auto and their bike on the road. They snatched my phone and left... I could have died. I have reported on such cases as a journalist... then it happened to me... I'm shocked."

According to DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur, "the woman

said that two boys on a black and red motorcycle wearing helmets forcibly snatched her mobile and ran away. During the incident, she fell down from the auto-rickshaw and sustained injuries. A robbery case is being registered."

The woman's statement was taken Monday as she was unable to speak on the day of the

incident. He said that an Emergency Response Vehicle of the Delhi Police was patrolling the area and rushed Bagchi to AIIMS. "We have found CCTV footage from the area and are currently analysing it. Several teams have been formed to nab the accused," said Thakur.

Bagchi's friend, Dr Arshia Malik, who was present at the hospital, said, "She has suffered a jawline fracture and has injured her lower lip and chin. This has happened at a main market, it could have been any of us."

Sadar Bazar

A 34-year-old woman was injured after she fell on the main road in North Delhi's Sadar Bazar on September 16 at 7.30 am, after a man on a two-wheeler snatched her phone. A video of the incident shows the woman falling in front of a Maruti Omni

as the accused flees.

A week later, a 19-year-old man, Bilal, was arrested for robbery, along with Mohd Hasin (39), the owner of the two-wheeler. The victim has been identified as Sarita, a resident of Sadar Bazar.

The woman's husband Shiv Kumar said, "My wife was returning home after dropping off our two children to school when a man snatched her phone and she fell. She has injured her knees and arms and we gave her basic first-aid. A passerby dropped her home and that's when I found out what had happened. She's petrified."

DCP (North) Monika Bhardwaj said, "A case was registered at Sadar Bazar police station. Four teams were formed to investigate the matter. We have recovered the two-wheeler and will recover the phone soon."

BRIEFLY

Odd-even: New stickers for pvt CNG vehicles

New Delhi: Around 5 lakh private CNG vehicles will have to get fresh stickers to avail exemptions when the odd-even scheme is enforced in November. Stickers issued for the scheme in 2016 will not be valid this time, the government said at a review meeting Monday. A decision on whether women and two-wheelers will be exempted was deferred.

Onions at Rs 24/kg from Oct 1

New Delhi: The Delhi government will start selling onions at a controlled rate of Rs 23.90/kg from October 1 through ration shops and mobile vans, CM Arvind Kejriwal said Monday. The retail price of onion shot up to Rs 70-80/kg in Delhi due to rain across the country.

Man stabs parents

Gurgaon: A 33-year-old man, who police say is mentally disturbed, stabbed his parents at their Lakshmi Nagar home Monday. While his father died, his mother is undergoing treatment. Police said the accused is being questioned. **ENS**

झारखंड सरकार

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामाकाशमाले) मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय

102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- 157/2019-20/RDD(RWA)/DUMKA दिनांक : 23.09.2019

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रामाकाशमाले), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 03.10.2019

3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय:- 14.10.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

4. निविदा निवृत्तन काल, रांची में निविदा शुरू, अग्रिम की राशि, शायद पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अप्रारंभित किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:-15.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 16.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामाकाशमाले), झारखंड, रांची, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।

7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया का दृष्टांत सं- 0651-2207818

8. निविदा शुरू भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्मित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामाकाशमाले), कार्य प्रबंधक, दुमका के पक्ष में भुगतान होगा जो लीटायर नहीं जायेगा।

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION KASHMIR, J&K STATE SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

**Tender Notice: E-NIT No: 33 of 2019-20; dated: 13.09.2019**

For and on behalf of Secretary Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council e-tenders are invited on item rate basis by Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council on Single stage two cover system from contractors registered with PWD(R&B)/CPWD/MES/Firms registered with State or Center Government or Global Category Athletic Track builder for Construction of Synthetic Athletic Track Surface IAAF approved and having experience in laying of Synthetic Athletic Track Surface IAAF approved and having experience in laying of Synthetic Athletic Track for National/International Competitions, Olympic Games common Wealth Games. Asian Games incl. associated Civil Works under two cover system at "Sher I Kashmir Stadium Bandipora"as detailed below.

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Class of contract	Clost of Tender document	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Design and Construction of Synthetic Athletic Track surface with pavilion block including other allied civil works with Annual Maintenance of 3 years at Sher-I-Kashmir Stadium Bandipora, Kashmir.	680.00	13.60	<b>TAAF Registered</b> (Only licensed manufacturer/authorized representative of IAAF certified product are eligible to quote. Bidder should be associated with the manufacturer for a minimum of 03 years and should submit letter of authorization along with the bid documents	15000/-	270 days

Position of AAA = Accorded

Position of funds = Committed underKhelo India Scheme.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and condition so contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	13.09.2019
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13.09.2019 10.00 AM to 11.10.2019 04.00 PM
3.	Pre bid meeting	25.09.2019 12.30 PM Office of the Executive Engineer J&K Sports Construction Division Kashmir.
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	29.09.2019 10.00 AM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	11.10.2019 4.00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 15.10.2019 at 2.00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer J&K Sports Construction Division, Kashmir (At New Administrative Block Bakshi Stadium Srinagar), Date of Financial Bid will be declared on-line.
7.	Site of work	Site is available in premises of Sher I Kashmir Stadium Bandipora Kashmir.

3. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder.

- 1) Name of Bank

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J&K Bank Ltd.
- 2) Account Title

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Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmr, JKSSC
- 3) Account No.

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CD-0365010200000842
- 4) Branch

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The bidders shall upload scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgement slip.

4. Hard Copies in original shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

Sd/-  
Ex. Engineer, CDK  
J&K State Sports Council  
Srinagar

No.: SC/CDK/e-01/411-13  
Dated: 13.09.2019  
DIPK-NB-0304/M

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**POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer issued a Demand Notice on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted Borrowers/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rules 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the Account.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Allahabad Bank for the amount/s and interest thereon mentioned against the account herein below.

The attention of the borrowers details hereunder is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor (Mortgagor)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
PP Colony	Vidyaanar Pandey S/o Sri Madhusudan Pandey	Vidyaanar Pandey S/o Sri Madhusudan Pandey	08.04.2019	18.09.2019	<b>₹2236736/-</b> (Rupees twenty two lacs thirty six thousand seven hundred thirty six only) with Interest and charges as on 08.04.2019.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of land and building measuring an area of 1138.66 sqft over which pucca House constructed thereon bearing Khata No.36, Survey Khesra Plot no.328(P), Tauzi No.5146, Thana No.95, Survey Thana-Phulwarisharif, at present Thana-Beur, situated at Mauza-Dariyapur Hasan or Hasanpura, Pargana-Phulwari Sharif in the town and District- Patna within the jurisdiction of Sub Registry Office, Patna purchased vide sale deed no.24550 dt 01/10/2011 recorded in book no.1, Volume no.424, Page no.47-46, stored in CD Volume no.65 year 2011. Bounded by: North-Present purchaser, South-Part plot no.328 and purchaser Smt. Chandrawati Devi, East-10 feet wide road, West-Sri Amol Singh.

PP Colony	M/s Satya Printing Works	Birendra Kishore	27.06.2019	21.09.2019	<b>₹8208259/-</b> (Rupees eighty two lacs eight thousand two hundred fifty nine only) with Interest and charges as on 27.06.2019.
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**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of residential vacant land measuring an area of 3 katha 11 dhur situated at Mauza-Rajapur, Survey Thana-Phulwari present Thana-Digha, Town and District-Patna under survey Thana no.73, Tauzi no.5453/18232, Khata No.81, Survey Plot No.729 Sub and Sadar Registry Office-Patna and within the jurisdiction of Patna Regional Development Authority and within the limit of Patna Municipal Corporation, which is bounded as follows: Bounded by: North-Dharendra Kishore, at present Birendra Kishore, South-Amrendra Kishore, East-Nij land of Vendor, West-Siwana Mainpura.

Place : Patna  
Date : 21.09.2019

Authorised Officer  
Allahabad Bank

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, KASHMIR, J&K STATE SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

**Tender Notice E-NIT No. 37 of 2019-20** **Dated: 18.09.2019**

For and on behalf of Secretary, J&K State Sports Council, Srinagar, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender Documents	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Development of play field of Kralpathri Khan Sahib Budgam by way of Construction of Pavilion/Change Room and Turfing of ground.	123.00	Rs. 2,56,000/-	AAY	Rs. 2,500/-	180 Days
2.	Development of play field at Kralpathri Khan Sahib Budgam Construction of Seating Tiers and Gate.	68.00	Rs. 1,36,000/-	AAY	Rs. 1,600/-	120 Days
3.	Development of play field at Kralpathri Khan Sahib Budgam by way of Construction of Approach Road.	19.00	Rs. 19,000/-	SHG	Rs. 800/-	60 Days

**Position of AAA/TS = Accorded/Under Process**  
**Position of Funds = Committed under Laundering Projects**

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the department website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

2.	<b>Critical Dates Table</b>	
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	18.09.2019 from 06.30 P.M.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	18.09.2019 from 06.30 P.M.
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	23.09.2019 from 10.00 A.M.
4.	Bid submission End Date	09.10.2019 upto 04.00 P.M.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	10.10.2019 at 11.00 A.M. in the office of Ex. Engineer,, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K State Sports Council at Administrative Block Bakshshi Stadium, Srinagar.

3. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the Bank Account by the Bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder.

- 1) Name of Bank

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The bidders must upload the scanned copy of Bank payment acknowledgment slip.

4. **Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (LI) after opening of Financial Bids.**

No. SC/CDK/e-01/1484-87  
Dated: 18.09.2019

Sd/- Ex. Engineer, CDK,  
J&K State Sports Council, Srinagar

DIPK-NB: 0320/M

New frog from Arunachal named after Greek goddess

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

A TEAM of scientists from Delhi University and the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of rice frog or chorus frog in Arunachal Pradesh.

Named 'eos' after the mythological Greek Goddess of Dawn, "personifying the region where the new species was discovered, Arunachal Pradesh", the frog belongs to genus Microhyla — "a group of narrow-mouthed frogs that is primarily and widely distributed in Asia" — that currently comprises 49 recognised species.

The study by S D Biju and Sonali Garg (DU), Gopinathan Maheswaran (Zoological Survey of India) and Rachunliu G Kamei (Natural History Museum, London) was published Monday in *Zootaxa*, a peer-reviewed international journal.

The frog was discovered from "riparian habitats in a primary evergreen forest" called Rani Jheel in Namdapha Tiger Reserve of Arunachal Pradesh, the easternmost protected area in the country.

Scientists said the frog was "confirmed to represent a distinct new species after detailed comparison of both DNA and morphology with all previously known members of the group found across South, Southeast, and East Asia" and was "formally



The frog belongs to genus 'Microhyla'

described as the 50th member of the narrow-mouthed chorus frog genus microhyla known from the world".

They said microhyla eos "strikingly differs from other narrow-mouthed chorus frogs by characters such as its size, body shape, colouration and markings, foot webbing, and digit tip morphology".

"Our discovery shows that the actual number of frog species in Northeast India, even in the relatively common and well-studied groups, is higher than current estimates. More extensive studies are required to scientifically identify and describe the Northeastern frogs, which are already facing extinction threats from various human activities," said Biju, the lead author of the study who is also known as the Frogman of India.

2 stores shut for flouting excise norms

New Delhi: The Delhi government, led by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Monday launched a crackdown on departmental stores having licences to sell wine and beer and sealed two such shops for violating excise norms.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said: "We will not allow illegal sale of alcohol in Delhi no matter what. Violators will face strong action."

There are 125 departmental stores in Delhi authorised to sell beer and wine, which cannot exceed 15% of their total inventory.

According to an official statement, when Sisodia inspected a departmental store in Karol Bagh along with Excise officials at around 7.30 pm, he found that of all the items being sold, almost 90% was beer and wine. It was one of two shops to have been sealed, said an official. **ENS**

20 markets to go plastic-free by Oct 2: SDMC

New Delhi: The Tagore Garden fruit and vegetable market has been declared a single-use plastic-free, with 20 more markets set to follow suit, said South civic body spokesperson Radha Krishnan.

The corporation plans to implement the move at Safdarjung's SDA market; Malviya Nagar's main market; Vasant Vihar's A block market; R K Puram's Sector 8 market; Aurobindo market; and Nehru market in Rajouri Garden among others, said a senior official.

He said the plan is to ensure the markets are plastic free by October 2. The civic body will penalise violators after that, he said.

Standing committee chairman Bhupender Gupta said shopkeepers have been advised to put up a board at their shops asking customers to carry cloth and jute bags. **ENS**



# Violence by leaders will end BJP ticket dreams, says Tiwari

ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

WITH THREE incidents of violence involving BJP leaders and ticket seekers in public view being reported in the past four days, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari has sounded an alert, saying such acts will end their chances of securing a ticket for the upcoming Assembly polls.

On Sunday, councillors and party leaders aspiring for tickets clashed in the presence of senior partymen in Kirari and Gokulpuri during the party's outreach programme for unauthorised colonies.

Tiwari told *The Indian Express*, "Such cases are rising with elections approaching. We are certain that we will form the government in Delhi but that doesn't mean ticket aspirants should get carried away."

"They should not be under an illusion that they will be in the race for a ticket after such acts," he said.

The North East Delhi MP said he has formed a committee on all recent incidents of violence or clashes, and that action will be taken based on its report.

Four BJP leaders, including two councillors and a former MLA, got into physical clashes in Kirari in full public view Sunday, leading to senior leader Satish Upadhyay's visit being cut short, a party leader said.

"The scuffle broke out over issues like a leader's picture not being given prominence on the banner and another party



Tiwari sounded an alert after BJP leaders clashed in public in the past 4 days

worker not being given space on the stage. Later, leaders slapped and thrashed each other," said a senior leader.

There have also been reports of violence in Gokulpuri among partymen, during which a mandal leader clashed with a leader of the intellectual wing, he said. "The leaders were engaged in a verbal duel right when the programme started, but got into a physical altercation after senior leader Dushyant Gautam left the spot... their supporters also joined in," the leader said.

In another incident last Thursday at the party's office, BJP district president Azad Singh slapped his wife Sarita Chaudhary, a former mayor, in the presence of several other leaders. He has been removed from the post.

Delhi BJP media head Pratyush Kant said: "If a party worker has grievances, it can be discussed, but resorting to violence will be dealt with strictly."

# Delhi govt's 2020 plan: All schools run by it to become co-ed

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE DELHI government has set a timeline of July 2020 to convert boys' and girls' schools under it to co-educational ones, under its action plan to address "decline in result of class X in (its) schools" and increase enrolment, a circular issued by the education department to its officials Monday, states.

Like in the case of government schools across the country, most Delhi government schools also operate either as girls' schools or boys' schools. Out of the 1,100-odd schools run by the Delhi government, approximately 150 of the standard schools are co-educational ones. Over and above these, all the cream schools — 22 Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalayas and six Schools of Excellence — run by the government are also co-educational institutions.

While analysing the CBSE board exam results in 2018-2019 of the various schools run by it, the government had found that co-educational schools performed better than both girls' and boys' schools. It has been consistently reported over the years that girls have been performing better than boys in these schools.

In the class XII examinations, co-educational schools had registered a slightly higher pass percentage than girls' schools at 98.03%. Girls' schools had 97.42% and boys' schools had 93.42%.

In case of class X results, the gap was wider, with co-educational schools ahead of girls' schools by over 6 percentage points and of boys' schools by over 13 percentage points. While boys' schools had a 74.8% pass percentage and girls' schools had 82%, co-educational schools had 88.16%.



Out of the 1,100-odd govt schools, 150 are co-ed

These are the results after a large section of students cleared the compartment exams.

"Contrary to popular opinion on the learning environment when boys and girls study, these numbers clearly show that a co-educational set-up is a better learning environment for children... There are hardly any single-gender private schools left in Delhi but the government trying to move towards co-education is a little complicated because of social stigma and reluctance," Education Minister Manish Sisodia had told reporters last month.

Among other long-term action plans laid down to be achieved between 2020 and 2024 are "converting afternoon shift schools to general shift schools wherever possible", and "opening more schools to optimise enrolment in a single school".

# Daughter born, man bursts crackers, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

ELATED BY the birth of his first child, a 25-year-old man decided to celebrate by bursting firecrackers outside his Chanakyapuri residence on Saturday night — only to land in trouble with the police.

Police booked the man, Vivek Kumar Gupta, under IPC section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) after a neighbour complained to them about the noise. He was arrested on Monday.

The man told police he was celebrating the birth of his daughter with his family. He works as a labourer and lives in an unauthorised colony in Chanakyapuri's Tri Murti lane.

"We received a call about the incident around midnight. We

went to the spot and found a man bursting firecrackers outside his house. We stopped him and booked him for violating the Supreme Court's guidelines on firecrackers and noise pollution," said Additional DCP-1 (New Delhi) Deepak Yadav.

Police said Gupta had been bursting crackers since 10.30 pm. Other people in the colony had asked him to stop but he didn't, said police.

"His wife delivered a baby in the morning. After the couple took the child home, Gupta went out and bought crackers," said an officer.

Under the Supreme Court guidelines, only crackers with reduced emission and sound are permissible for use in Delhi. Any cracker which emits sound waves of more than 125 decibels within a 4-metre radius are banned for sale and use, said police.



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### Form DPT-1 Circular or Circular in the Form of Advertisement Inviting Deposits (Pursuant to section 73(2)(a) and section 76 and rule 4(1) and 4(2) of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014]

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	INFORMATION
1.	GENERAL INFORMATION	
a.	Name, address, website and other contact details of the Company:	Reliance Retail Limited, 3rd Floor, Court House, Lokmanya Tilak Marg, Dhobi Talao, Mumbai - 400002 www.relianceretail.com Ph: 022 3555 3800
b.	Date of incorporation of the Company:	29-06-1999
c.	Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with the details of branches or units, if any:	Reliance Retail Limited operates convenience stores, supermarkets, hypermarkets, wholesale cash & carry stores and specialty stores. The Company has 10,217 retail stores spread across all major cities and towns in India as on June 30, 2019.  <b>Business carried on by the Subsidiaries of the Company:</b>  Reliance Clothing India Private Limited: Retailing of foot wear products under 'Payless Shoes' brand.  Reliance-Grand Optical Private Limited: Presently no business carried-on.  Reliance Petro Marketing Limited: Selling and distribution of petroleum and related products.
d.	Brief particulars of the management of the Company:	The Company is managed by the Whole-time Director and a team of professional managers, subject to the superintendence, control and direction of the Board of Directors.

e.	Names, addresses, DIN and occupation of the Directors:			
	Name	Address	DIN	Occupation
	Shri V Subramaniam (Whole-time Director)	Aasharan, Plot No. 95, Sector No. 21, Near Central Park, Kharghar, Rajgadh - 410210	00009621	Company Executive
	Shri Pankej Pawar	302, Archana Saurabh CHS, Plot No. 20, Sector-7, Koparkhaim, Navi Mumbai - 400729	00085077	Service
	Shri Sanjay Jog	B-702, Rushi Towers, Lokhandwala Complex, Swami Samarth Nagar, Azad Nagar, Andheri (West), Mumbai - 400053	01727602	Service
	Shri Ranjit V. Pandit	Darbhanga Mansion, Flat No. 1, 12 Carmichael Road, Opp. BMC Commissioner Bungalow, Pedder Road, Mumbai - 400026	00782296	Management Consultant
	Shri K Sudarshan	1102, Sabari Ashville, Plot No.P-1, CTS No. 452A, N.M. Pali Marg, Ghatia Village, Chembur, Mumbai - 400071	01029826	Management Consultant
	Prof. Dipak C. Jain	915, Hamlin Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201, United States of America	00228513	Professor
	Ms. Geeta Fulwadaya	E 51, Jharokha II, Kalpataru Vatika, Akurli Road, Opp. ESIS Hospital, Kandivli (East), Mumbai - 400101	03341926	Service
f.	Management's perception of risk factors: Reliance Retail Limited is the subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited and Reliance Industries Limited. Reliance Retail Limited is engaged in organized retail business catering to consumers in India under various consumption baskets - Value Formats and others, Fashion and Lifestyle, Digital, Brands and Jewellery. The monies raised under the deposit schemes are essentially advances from its customers towards jewellery purchases and unlikely to pose any financial risk except price, market risk, competition, regulatory environment changes and other normal business risks generally associated with the business.			
g.	Details of default, including the amount involved, duration of default and present status, in repayment of:- i) Statutory dues: Nil ii) Debentures and interest thereon: Nil iii) Loan from any bank or financial institution and interest thereon: Nil			

2. PARTICULARS OF THE DEPOSIT SCHEME		
a)	Date of passing of Board resolution	July 17, 2019
b)	Date of passing of resolution in the general meeting authorizing the invitation of such deposits	May 20, 2015
c)	Type of deposits i.e., whether Secured or Unsecured	UNSECURED
d)	Details of deposit amounts:	
i)	Amount which the Company can raise by way of deposits as per the Act and the rules made thereunder	Rs. 2,170.09 crore
ii)	Aggregate of deposits actually held on the last day of the immediately preceding financial year	Rs. 49.24 crore
iii)	Aggregate of deposits actually held on the date of issue of the Circular or advertisement (July 16, 2019)	Rs. 65.93 crore
iv)	Amount of deposits proposed to be raised	Upto Rs. 200 crore
v)	Amount of deposits repayable within the next twelve months	Rs. 12.27 crore

Terms of raising of deposits	
Particulars	Terms
Period of Scheme	6 months Jewellery purchase scheme: The customer has to pay 6 monthly instalments and receive benefits under the scheme in the form of discount of 20% of one month instalment.
	11 months Jewellery purchase scheme: The customer has to pay 11 monthly instalments and receive benefits under the scheme in the form of discount up to 85% of one month instalment.
	18 months Jewellery purchase scheme : The customer has to pay 18 monthly instalments and receive benefits under the scheme in the form of discount up to 210% of one month instalment.
	24 months Jewellery purchase scheme : The customer has to pay 24 monthly instalments and receive benefits under the scheme in the form of discount up to 350% of one month instalment.
General Conditions	To join the scheme, the customer has to fill-in the pre-printed Application Form and submit all the documents stated therein.
	Under the applicable scheme, the customer to pay 6, 11, 18 and 24 fixed monthly instalments of minimum of Rs. 1,000/- or above (in multiples of Rs. 500) respectively.
	First instalment should be paid either by cash or debit/ credit card or cheque at the Reliance Jewels showroom. Subsequent instalments to be paid through cash/credit card/debit card/post dated cheques/ECS.
	In respect of cheques, only local cheques or cheques payable at par will be accepted and must be drawn in favour of 'Reliance Retail Limited'.
	A single payment instrument towards multiple scheme accounts will not be accepted.
	Date of payment of first instalment by the customer shall be considered as the scheme/account opening date.
	Scheme closure date for Scheme of 6 months shall be the end of 6 months from scheme opening date.
	Scheme closure date for Scheme of 11 months shall be the end of 13 months from scheme opening date.
	Scheme closure date for Scheme of 18 months shall be the end of 20 months from scheme opening date.
	Scheme closure date for the Scheme of 24 months shall be the end of 26 months from scheme opening date.
Rate of Interest	Customer has to pay monthly instalments within due dates. For payments made by customer through cheque or ECS, the payment instrument must be realized before the due date.
	In case of 2 consecutive instances of instruments returned on account of insufficient funds etc, then the Company shall not deposit the balance instruments.
	Customer under any of the schemes is eligible to avail any on-going common scheme/ product promotions/ gifts etc depending upon festival season or other events, along with discount earned under the scheme.
	Customer may nominate any person to whom his deposited amounts shall vest in the event of his death. Discrepancies, if any, found by the customer in the payment receipts should be brought to the notice of the Company for rectification within 7 days from the date of issuance of receipt.
	Since it is a jewellery purchase scheme, return is offered in the form of discount at the time of purchase of jewellery by customer as below: [Upon completion of the scheme, discount as % of one month instalment:]
	Scheme of 6 months: a) After 6 months - 20%
	Scheme of 11 months: a) After 11 months - 65% b) After 12 months - 75% c) After 13 months - 85%
	Scheme of 18 months: a) After 18 months - 175% b) After 19 months - 190% c) After 20 months - 210%
	Scheme of 24 months : a) After 24 months - 300% b) After 25 months - 330% c) After 26 months - 350%
	If the customer wishes to purchase jewellery before completing the scheme (but not before 6 months of payment of first instalment), the customer will still get benefit but the eligible discount shall stand reduced as per applicable rules. Delay in payment of monthly instalment will result in proportionate reduced benefits.
Mode of Payment	Cash/Credit card/Debit card/Cheque/ DD/ECS, by way of monthly advances.
	Deposit of Rs. 2 Lakhs and above shall be accepted by way of cheque, bankers cheque or by way of electric fund transfer to the designated account of the Company
Redemption / Repayment	Since it is a jewellery purchase scheme, redemption will be by way of purchase of jewellery and cash refund will generally not be available and in any event not before 6 months of payment of first instalment.
	Customer may be allowed to purchase jewellery or coin from any of the Reliance Jewels showroom for an amount equal to instalments paid plus discount under the scheme (purchase eligibility amount). The final product invoice value should be equal to or in excess of, purchase eligibility amount.
	Partial redemption of scheme is not allowed. Only the customer or his authorized nominee (as per the Application Form) shall be eligible to purchase jewellery under the scheme. For the purpose of redemption, customer is required to submit original instalment receipts along with signed photo identity proof at the Showroom.

f) Proposed time schedule mentioning the date of opening of the Scheme and the time period for which the circular or advertisement is valid:	The Fixed Deposit Scheme (Jewellery Purchase Scheme) is in operation with effect from 26th June, 2015 and this circular/ advertisement issued shall be valid till 30th September, 2020 or the date of the Company's Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2020, whichever is earlier.
g) Reasons or objects of raising the deposits:	Reliance Retail Limited has been operating jewellery purchase schemes as part of customer acquisition programmes for its jewellery retail business and at the same time enables its customers to plan and purchase jewellery in easy and convenient monthly instalments for festivals, special occasions or other purposes. As per the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, advances collected from customers under these schemes are treated as deposits.
h) Credit rating obtained: i) Name of Credit Rating Agency ii) Rating obtained iii) Meaning of the rating obtained iv) Date on which rating was obtained	CARE Ratings Limited ("CARE") CARE AAA (Triple A) Highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations and carries lowest credit risk. CARE AAA is the highest credit rating assigned by CARE. September 14, 2018 and a fresh rating shall be obtained before the expiry of validity this rating.
i) Short particulars of the charge created or to be created for securing such deposits, if any	Unsecured and therefore not applicable
j) Any financial or other material interest of the directors, promoters or key managerial personnel in such deposits and the effect of such interest in so far as it is different from the interests of other persons	Nil

3. DETAILS OF ANY OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS		
a.	Amount Outstanding ("represents advances collected from customers under jewellery purchase schemes which are treated as deposits.)	Rs. 65.93 crore
b.	Date of acceptance	Various dates
c.	Total amount accepted	Rs. 65.34 crore (during the F.Y. 2018-19 with different maturity date.)
d.	Rate of interest	No return as interest is offered since it is jewellery purchase scheme. But discount is offered on purchase of jewellery as per the terms and conditions of the scheme(s).
e.	Total number of depositors (outstanding as on July 16, 2019)	47,526
f.	Default, if any, in repayment of deposits and payment of interest thereon, if any, including number of depositors, amount and duration of default involved	Nil
g.	Any waiver by the depositors, of interest accrued on deposits	Nil

4. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY			
a	Profits of the Company, before and after making provision for tax, for the three financial years immediately preceding the date of issue of circular or advertisement		
			(Rs. Crore)
Financial year	Profit before tax*		Profit after tax*
2018-19	4,818.78		3,138.26
2017-18	1,874.68		1,243.14
2016-17	752.82		442.60

b. Dividends declared by the company in respect of the said three financial years	NIL
Interest coverage ratio for last three year (cash profit after tax plus interest paid)	
Financial year	Interest Coverage Ratio
2018-19	8.17
2017-18	19.91
2016-17	13.43

c. A summary of the financial position of the Company as in the three audited balance sheets immediately preceding the date of issue of circular or advertisement (figures of previous years were regrouped wherever necessary)

Particulars	As at 31-03-2019	As at 31-03-2018	As at 31-03-2017
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6,067.50	3,100.61	2,245.88
Capital Work-in-Progress	2,533.09	2,007.78	434.18
Intangible Assets	1,091.03	58.34	10.05
Intangible Assets under Development	1,788.99	2,138.58	280.65
Financial Assets			
Investments	573.24	534.41	486.28
Loans	1,122.14	462.47	53.39
Deferred Tax Assets (net)	-	620.38	851.85
Other Non-Current Assets	145.29	209.39	146.30
Total Non-Current Assets	13,321.28	9,131.96	4,518.58
Current Assets			
Inventories	11,291.83	10,465.28	5,096.68
Financial Assets			
Investments	3,002.89	-	340.00
Trade Receivables	4,330.17	2,215.72	730.09
Cash and Cash Equivalents	329.69	156.12	252.31
Other Financial Assets	381.30	267.21	232.33
Other Current Assets	1,720.39	1,848.12	502.43
Total Current Assets	21,056.27	14,952.45	7,153.84
Total Assets	34,377.55	24,084.41	11,672.42
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Equity Share Capital	4,989.54	4,989.54	4,989.54
Other Equity	7,597.87	4,076.92	1,830.03
Total Equity	12,587.41	9,066.46	6,819.57
Liabilities			
Non-Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Borrowings	-	-	0.22
Deferred tax Liabilities (Net)	22.85	-	-
Provisions	21.46	21.46	19.85
Total Non-Current Liabilities	49.53	21.46	20.07
Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Borrowings	12,800.56	3,447.80	27.48
Trade Payables due to:			
Micro and Small Enterprise	13.03	24.77	4.41
Other than Micro and Small Enterprise	4,109.07	8,207.10	3,922.27
Other Financial Liabilities	4,142.12	2,811.94	287.67
Other Current Liabilities	673.84	503.45	585.08
Provisions	1.99	1.43	5.87
Total Current Liabilities	21,740.61	14,996.49	4,832.78
Total Liabilities	21,790.14	15,017.95	4,852.85
Total Equity and Liabilities	34,377.55	24,084.41	11,672.42

d. Audited Cash Flow Statement for the three years immediately preceding the date of issue of circular or advertisement (figures of previous years were regrouped wherever necessary)

Particulars	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit/loss before tax as per Statement of Profit and Loss	4,818.78	1,874.68	752.82
Adjusted for:			
(Profit)/ loss on sale/ discard of Property, Plant and Equipment (net)	28.97	8.24	41.12
Provision for doubtful debts/ bad debts written off	-	-	(2.99)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	601.69	434.22	368.57
Effect of exchange rate change	34.75	94.88	21.18
Net Gain on Financial Assets	(23.26)	(12.16)	(9.08)
Dividend income	(4.79)	-	-
Interest income	(82.54)	(25.84)	(26.37)
Finance costs	611.70	100.96	77.27
Operating profit before working capital changes	5,985.30	2,474.98	1,222.52
Adjusted for:			
Trade and other receivables	(2,053.94)	(2,861.97)	(593.01)
Inventories	(826.55)	(5,368.60)	152.89
Trade and other payables	(439.99)	6,713.32	1,493.42
Cash generated from operations	2,664.82	957.73	2,275.82
Taxes Paid (Net)	(650.31)	(459.61)	(64.85)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	1,714.51	498.12	2,210.97
B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets	(4,783.88)	(4,862.64)	(796.07)
Proceeds from disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets	49.38	31.49	2.07
Investment in Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures	(2.50)	(2.50)	(2.50)
Disposal of Investments in Subsidiaries	-	-	1.05
Purchase of Other Investments	(16,795.04)	(5,781.30)	(6,584.08)
Proceeds from Sale of Financial Assets	16,781.97	6,087.83	5,913.12
Share application money paid	(2.50)	-	-
Net Cash Flow From Other Financial Assets	(659.87)	(409.68)	(21.82)
Interest income	37.30	23.66	25.39
Dividend income	4.79	-	-
Net Cash Flow used in Investing Activities	(5,370.15)	(4,912.54)	(782.82)
C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issue of Preference Share	381.20	1,000.00	-
Repayment of borrowings - Non Current	(0.22)	(1.11)	(1.46)
Borrowings - Current (Net)	9,352.76	3,420.32	(804.41)
Interest Paid	(609.20)	(190.98)	(77.57)
Movement in deposits	(2,292.44)	-	-
Net Cash Flow from / (Used in) Financing Activities	6,832.10	4,318.23	(883.44)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,176.46	(96.19)	544.71
Opening Balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents	156.12	252.31	47.60
Closing Balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,332.58	156.12	592.31
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents as above	3,332.58	156.12	592.31
Less:			
Investment in Liquid Mutual Funds	(3,002.89)	-	(340.00)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	329.69	156.12	252.31

e. Any change in accounting policies during the last three years and their effect on the profits and the reserves of the Company

The financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 read with section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013

5. DECLARATION BY THE DIRECTORS-

The Board of Directors of the Company hereby declare that:

a. The Company has not defaulted in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Act or payment of interest thereon;

b. They have satisfied themselves fully with respect to the affairs and prospects of the Company and that they are of the opinion that having regard to the estimated future financial position of the Company, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they become due; and that the Company will not become insolvent within a period of one year from the date of issue of the circular or advertisement;

c. The Company has complied with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder;

d. The compliance with the Act and the rules does not imply that repayment of deposits is guaranteed by the Central Government;

e. The deposits accepted by the Company before the commencement of the Act have been repaid.

f. In case of any adverse change in credit rating, depositors will be given a chance to withdraw deposits without any penalty;

g. The deposits shall be used only for the purposes indicated in the Circular or circular in the form of advertisement;

h. The deposits accepted by the Company (other than the secured deposit, if any, aggregate amount of which to be indicated) are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities of the Company.

This Circular is issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors of the Company, the text thereof has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on July 17, 2019 and a copy thereof signed by a majority of the Directors of the Company, has been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

V. Subramaniam	Pankaj Pawar	Sanjay Jog
Ranjit V. Pandit	K. Sudarshan	Geeta Fulwadaya
Prof. Dipak C. Jain		

To, The Board of Directors, Reliance Retail Limited  
3rd Floor, Court House, Lokmanya Tilak Marg, Dhobi Talao, Mumbai - 400 002

Ref: Certificate annexed to Form DPT-1 pursuant to Rule 4 of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, as amended.

1. This certificate is issued in accordance with the terms of our engagement with Reliance Retail Limited ("the Company") having its Registered Office at 3rd Floor, Court House, Lokmanya Tilak Marg, Dhobi Talao, Mumbai - 400002. The Company has requested us to issue the certificate in terms of Rule 4 of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, as amended ("the Rules"). Accordingly, the accompanying certificate is prepared pursuant to the said provisions of the Rules.



# 6 Govt & Politics



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## In Action Mode

WHILE THE Congress held a review meeting for its celebrations to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, BJP president Amit Shah and working chief J P Nadda spoke with thousands of party leaders, including MPs and state-level office-bearers through video conferencing on Saturday. In the presentation made by party general secretary Bhopender Yadav, leaders were told about the proposed activities for the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra. While the Mahatma's 150th anniversary programmes would put the Congress in action mode after a while, for BJP leaders it will be just one of many going on. The party is at present engaged in a membership drive, campaign on abrogation of special status to J&K, a 'Sewa Saptah' to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, a 'Fit India Movement', and the newly launched drive against single-use plastic — all this even as organisation polls are on.

## Split Opinion

CONGRESS LEADERS spoke in different voices on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Howdy, Modi" event in Houston, Texas. While party spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Anand Sharma slammed Modi for his "Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar" comment, arguing that he violated Indian foreign policy's convention of not interfering in domestic elections of another country, former Mumbai Congress chief and ex-Lok Sabha member Milind Deora stated that Modi's Houston address was a "momentous first for India's soft power diplomacy". A happy Modi replied to Deora's tweet with a thank you. In his tweet, Deora recalled that his father, late Murlī Deora, was one of the early architects of stronger India-US ties. Modi agreed and pointed out that Deora senior would have been glad to see the strengthening of ties between the two countries.

## Partnership In Progress

EVEN AS the BJP is busy stitching up an alliance in Maharashtra, there seems to be a demand emerging for an alliance in Jharkhand, where Vidhan Sabha elections have not been announced yet. Ram Vilas Paswan's Lok Janashakti Party is learnt to have demanded six seats from the BJP in the contest for the 82-seat Assembly. Following an internal assessment, the LJP is learnt to have sought Jarmundi, Nala, Hussainabad, Barkagaon, Latehar and Panki constituencies to put up its candidates.

## Tweet Trouble

SENIOR ADVOCATE Abhishek Singhvi had some difficult moments online on Monday after tweeting that senior advocate Rajiv Dhavan was "manhandled for a court stance". The tweet did not give any details of the alleged incident it was referring to. After queries from the media, the tweet was deleted and a fresh one put out: "correction: I meant the old allegation - alleged manhandling — denied in some quarters, asserted in others; all I meant was that matter needs investigation and serious look, if true." Dhavan, who is appearing for the mosque side in the Ayodhya case, had told the Supreme Court on September 21 that some people had confronted his clerk over his stand in the matter and there was a physical altercation. The clerk had said there was only a verbal exchange.

## Fadnavis has improved image of Maharashtra in 5 years: Nadda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 23

BJP WORKING president J P Nadda on Monday said that Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has changed the face of Maharashtra, which was marred with corrupt practices.

"Devendra Fadnavis has changed the face of Maharashtra. The state was known for corruption due to the previous governments. There was a musical chair going on in the state and no party could complete the 5-year term for long in the state," Nadda said.

Nadda said BJP has managed to change the state's "corrupt" image in the last five years through a committed and sincere government. "While leaders of other parties are either in jail or making rounds of the court, BJP leaders are the only one who can truly represent every citizen," he said.

The BJP leader also announced that the party's state unit would launch the "Mahasampark abhiyan", a campaign to reach out to voters, from September 25. "Party workers in every booth should ensure that they reach out to every voter during the campaign," Nadda said.

## Ex-BSF man considers taking on Khattar in Haryana's Karnal

SUKHBIR SIWACH  
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 23

Former BSF constable Tej Bahadur Yadav Monday expressed his keenness to contest against Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Karnal Assembly constituency in the forthcoming state polls.

Yadav was dismissed from his post in 2017 after he made a video

about the quality of food served to security forces. During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, his nomination papers

from Varanasi seat were rejected, preventing a contest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Yadav said that he would take a final call after discussing his desire with his party, the SP. "I am keen to contest against Khattar but it's not final yet. It's not an attempt to come into limelight, but I would like to contest against the Chief Minister to highlight plight of the jawans, farmers and employees under the BJP regime," he said.

Tej Bahadur hails from a village Rata Kalan of Mahendragarh district in Haryana, but his family currently lives in Rewari.

### BJP BLAMES TMC CHIEF FOR CREATING PANIC

# Panic led to 6 deaths, won't allow NRC in Bengal: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 23

ACCUSING THE BJP of spreading fear in West Bengal by campaigning on the NRC issue, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Monday said six people had died of panic and reiterated that she will not allow its implementation in Bengal.

Addressing a TMC workers' convention, she said, "So many people have died because of NRC in Assam. I am sad to see that six people have died of panic in Bengal. NRC will not be implemented in Bengal and anywhere else in the country. It was conducted in Assam due to Assam Accord."

"Politically, some person may say that NRC will be implemented here. It is their political compulsion to say such things. I will once again request you not to panic over NRC," she said.

Targeting the BJP, Banerjee said, "They are doing Hindu-Muslim politics. Even Hindus, Muslims, Gorkhas and Hindi-speaking people have been excluded from the final NRC. But they will never be able to conduct NRC here. It cannot be done without the state government's direction and we will never allow it. There is no need to get scared. You are a resident of this state and this country. So do not pay attention to the rumours and lies spread by some people in villages. Please do not end your life like this."

She also advised people to register an FIR if they have lost valuable documents and identity



Banerjee at a workers' meet in Kolkata, Monday. *Express*

cards. "Shame on the BJP for creating panic over NRC in Bengal. This has led to six deaths," she said.

Her remarks come against the backdrop of six deaths reported across the state — the family members have claimed the deaths were caused due to panic that NRC could be implemented in Bengal. Banerjee's nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee Monday visited the family of Kalachand Middy (42) at Falta in South 24 Parganas district and assured them all help. Middy's family claimed he committed suicide after failing to recover documents.

The TMC also took out a protest rally in the area. Addressing party workers, Abhishek targeted the BJP and the CPM.

"Six to seven persons have committed suicide. We will protest against this and we will throw NRC into the river. This should be the last death due to

panic over NRC here. I will not let the BJP and CPM do politics here if one more person's death is reported here over this," he said.

BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha blamed the Chief Minister for creating panic. "Who took out a rally against NRC in Kolkata? Who is spreading the rumour regarding this? If six people have died here, then Mamata Banerjee should be held responsible."

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh said Hindu refugees from Bangladesh need not worry as the Centre will first implement Citizenship Amendment Bill before conducting the NRC exercise. "The TMC and CPM are scaring Hindu refugees here with NRC to get their votes. Hindu refugees are safe here. They do not need to worry," he said.

Banerjee also slammed the Centre for not talking about job losses or the economic slowdown

### ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS



People at a polling booth at Badherghat in Tripura Monday. The seat recorded 79 per cent polling. The bypoll was necessitated by the death of BJP MLA Dilip Sarkar in April. *Abhishek Saha*

# No roads or bridges, 4,500 cross river in boat to vote

DIPANKAR GHOSE  
DANTEWADA, SEPTEMBER 23

WITH NO access to roads or bridges, nearly 4,500 villagers from six villages on Monday made a trip across the Indravati river to vote.

The villagers make the trip often, to get medicines, supplies, and to transport the ill and the dead. However, there may not be three boats and SDRF personnel like on Monday to guide them across the Indravati, with crocodiles in its recesses.

Anjali Netam carried a two-year-old girl in her arms. "Every single time we cross the river, there is danger. It hasn't rained for five days so the river is calmer... Every time we vote, we hope that finally a bridge will be built, perhaps a road so that we don't have to walk too much. But this never

happens. But we vote anyway. What option is there," Netam, of Badekarka village, said.

For the six villages of Badekarka, Tumriguda, Cherpai, Purnar, Hitawada and Handawada that lie across the river, which signals the beginning of Abhujhmaad, the district administration has shifted polling booths to Muchnar.

The river is not the only problem. Living in an area considered to be a Maoist bastion, voting is always fraught with danger.

A quiet system has been established at the Muchnar polling booth. Those from this side of the river have ink put on their hands. Those "from the other side" are exempt. A school teacher who is part of the election commission team admitted this was a shift from normally stringent EC processes. "But this is about their

### SC TO HEAR DISQUALIFIED KARNATAKA MLAS

# EC against staying polls, says Speaker can't stop MLAs from contesting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE ELECTION Commission on Monday opposed the plea of the disqualified Karnataka MLAs in the Supreme Court to stay the upcoming bypolls, but said the Speaker's action disqualifying them cannot deprive them of their right to contest these polls.

"I have no say on the issue of disqualification. The gist of the matter is that the Speaker has disqualified them and vacancy is there. The election should not be stayed," EC's counsel told a bench of Justices N V Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari, adding that "the Speaker's order cannot deprive them of the right to contest the elections".

Issuing notices to the Karnataka Assembly Speaker, the state government and leaders of the state Congress and JD(S), the court fixed September 25 to hear the petitions filed by the 17 disqualified legislators.

Appearing for the former MLAs, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi pointed out that the last date for filing nominations was September 30 and urged that the bypolls be either stayed or his clients be allowed to contest.

"We should be entitled to con-

**Issuing notices to the Speaker, the state govt and leaders of Congress and JD(S), the court fixed September 25 to hear petitions by 17 disqualified legislators**

test the election (bypolls)," he said, adding that the then Speaker K R Ramesh had said in his order that the disqualified MLAs will not be entitled to contest till 2023, when the tenure of the current Assembly would expire.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for one of the opposing parties, expressed surprise at the EC's stand.

Rohatgi requested the court to stay the Speaker's order rejecting their resignations and disqualifying them. The Speaker, he said, had given the MLAs only three days to respond to the disqualification notices. This, added Rohatgi, was completely illegal as the Karnataka Assembly rules mandated a minimum seven-day notice period.

"The seven-day period to file reply to the notice cannot be curtailed and the Speaker had given us only three days to respond. This is completely illegal what the Speaker has done in this case," he said.

## Hamirpur bypoll peaceful, records 51 per cent polling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 23

AMID MILD to heavy rainfall on Monday, bypoll on the Hamirpur Vidhan Sabha seat recorded 51 per cent voting. According to the Uttar Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), the polling was peaceful and no untoward incident was reported.

While there were reports of "boycott" of polling in some villages over local issues, matters were resolved by the intervention of the district administration, officials said.

"The election on the Hamirpur seat took place peacefully and no untoward incident was reported from anywhere in the district. I have talked to the District Magistrate and he has confirmed that no absolute boycott was reported from any of the polling booths," said CEO Lakku Venkateshwarlu.

According to a statement issued by the CEO's office, nine candidates contested in the election and there were 4.01 lakh registered voters in the constituency. A total of 572 Electronic Voting Machines, 572 Ballot Units and 619 VVPATs were prepared for a total of 476 booths and 256 police centre. In the election, all the booths had VVPAT facility.

The Hamirpur seat was vacated following the conviction of BJP MLA Ashok Kumar Chandel in a 22-year-old murder case.

# Buoyed by response, BJP to hold 300 more meets on J&K move

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

LOOKING TO play up the Union government's decision on revoking special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 in the campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections and bypolls, an overwhelming response to the campaign to create awareness on the move has forced the party to intensify it across the country.

The BJP had initially planned 35 major rallies - primarily in state capitals and big cities - and 370 smaller ones as part of its outreach programme on the abrogation of special status to J&K. The number of such meetings has now been increased to

nearly 700, according to a top party leader.

In Maharashtra, which goes to Vidhan Sabha polls on October 21, the number of such meetings scheduled initially was 18. The party is now expected to hold at least 45 meets on the issue.

Y Satya Kumar, party national secretary and co-convenor of these outreach programmes, said: "People are appreciating this decision (on J&K), which is evident from the overwhelming response to these meetings in every state."

According to Satya Kumar, the number of participants is going up in each state - "much higher than expected". This, he said, is the case in not only BJP-governed states but also in states

EXPLAINED

## Special status abrogation a big election issue

THE DEMAND to increase the number of programmes for outreach campaign on Articles 370 and 35A comes in the backdrop of party president Amit Shah's announcement that the BJP will fight the upcoming Assembly elections in Maharashtra as a referendum on the Centre's decision to scrap special status to J&K. The BJP cadre have been asked to go all households and explain that the move is meant to "integrate Kashmir into India." BJP leaders assess that the move will give them a clear edge over the Opposition, already in disarray, in both Maharashtra and Haryana.

such as Odisha, where the Biju Janata Dal is in power.

In Puducherry, for instance,

the initial plan was to have just one meeting, but now the BJP state unit is preparing for four

such meetings. Similarly, the number is expected to increase from 21 scheduled initially to 200 in Karnataka; in Gujarat, another BJP-ruled state, it will be 182 meetings against 19 planned earlier.

The party had earlier scheduled two programmes on the issue in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; it will now hold 15 such meets.

The awareness programmes began on September 3 and are scheduled to be concluded on September 30, when BJP working president J P Nadda is expected to address the media on the success of the programme. Union ministers, chief ministers of different NDA-governed states, deputy CMs and senior party leaders are addressing

these meetings and programmes.

Nadda himself has addressed rallies in Bengaluru and Pune, and is scheduled to address a rally each in Delhi on Wednesday, Kolkata on September 27, and in Chandigarh on September 29.

As many as 127 such meetings were held across the country until Sunday, Satya Kumar said.

The BJP also is reaching out to 2,000 prominent personalities from the fields of films, sports and academia, among others, to create awareness on Articles 370 and 35A. The party has already approached several Padma award winners, cricketers Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble and Olympian Milkha Singh for this.



# Difficult for Wakf to question belief on Ram’s birthplace: SC

Ramjanmabhoomi a creation of 19th century, mere belief not enough: Board

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G.  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE SUPREME Court on Monday told the Sunni Central Wakf Board that it will be “very difficult” for the Board to question the belief of Hindus in Ram’s birthplace given that even a Muslim witness had attested to significance of Ayodhya for Hindus.

“You are challenging the belief of Hindus (on Ram’s birthplace)... That will be very difficult for you to question because even a Muslim witness says Ayodhya is to Hindus what Mecca is to Muslims,” Justice D Y Chandrachud, who is part of a five-judge Constitution bench hearing the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case, told senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who appeared for the Sunni Wakf Board.

Dhavan replied: “But where is Ramjanmabhoomi? It’s simply a creation of the 19th century.” He added that mere belief is not enough to claim title and accord juristic personality to the place.

Reiterating that Ram deserves respect, Dhavan said, “If both Ram and Allah are not respected, then this nation, which has more diversity than any other, will splinter apart.”

The bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi, and also compris-



ing Justices S A Bobde, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010, verdict of Allahabad High Court ordering a three-way division of the disputed area.

Questioning the temple side’s claim that Ramjanmabhoomi had divinity attached to it and is also a juristic personality, Dhavan said, “Ramjanmabhoomi as a juristic personality was a special purpose vehicle to get rid of the past temple and build a grand temple for future by and through the (Ramjanmabhoomi) Nyas, and to get rid of the shebait and put management of the temple in sociopolitical hands of the Sangh Parishad.”

Dhavan had earlier conceded that idols of Hindu deities were worshipped in Ram Chabutra on the outer courtyard, and that the Nirmohi Akhara had shebait rights to it.

A shebait under Hindu law is entrusted with the task of main-

taining and preserving an idol and its property.

Pointing to problems if land was to be treated as a juristic personality, Dhavan said merely because a land had divinity attached to it will not make it immune from acquisition.

Dhavan also questioned the Hindu side’s reliance on discovery of a ‘parikrama’ path around the now-demolished mosque as proof that something which they regarded as divine existed there. “All witnesses (who spoke about it) have given different descriptions of parikrama,” he submitted. “Some say it was in south, some say in west, some say it was all around...claim that the place was divine will not stand when witnesses have given different versions of the parikrama.”

He said Muslims offered daily prayers at the site till December 22-23, 1949, and until then there was no idol in the “inner area”.

The submission was apparently in response to the court pointing out on September 19 that oral evidence had come on record that there was an idol at the ‘garbh grih’ (sanctum sanctorum), believed to be the birthplace of Ram below the central dome of Babri Masjid even before 1949, and that Hindus had prayed to it.

According to the Board, idols

were allegedly placed inside Babri Masjid by alleged trespassers on the night intervening December 22-23, 1949.

Dhavan said, “There’s a difference between saying no prayers (were held) and saying it was abandoned. Once a mosque, always a mosque. This is not abandonment — at best, it was not used.”

He said there is “no proof” of any Hindu structure at the site other than the Ram Chabutra. “We were in possession, we had title,” he asserted.

He contended that the law of limitation would also apply to deities, and that the legislature ought to have made if it wanted to make an exclusion. He said every idol cannot be a juristic person and referred to examples to illustrate this.

Intervening, Justice Bobde said that “there can be a deity without an idol” and referred to Chidambaram, where the sky is worshipped.

Dhavan replied, “Something must be there to convert a belief into a religious practice.”

Dhavan also challenged the Shia Wakf Board’s challenge of a 1946 decision by which the Shia board’s claim over Babri Masjid was rejected, and said they “slept over” their right and wondered how they can now say the law of limitation will not apply to them.

# On climate change, India not just talking but has plan: PM



SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 23

STRESSING THAT “time for talking is over” and that the “world needs to act now”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said India has come to not just talk about the seriousness of the issue of climate change but also present a practical approach and a roadmap.

“We believe that an ounce of practice is worth more than a ton of preaching,” Modi said at the global climate action summit organised by the UN Secretary General. US President Donald Trump, who was widely expected to skip the summit, came in for a brief while when Modi was speaking, and left soon after.

In his speech, Modi outlined his government’s plans, and said: “We are going to increase the share of non-fossil fuel and by 2022, we plan to increase our renewable energy capacity to much beyond 175 GW, and later till 450 GW.”

He said: “In India, we have made plans to make our transport sector green through e-mobility... India is also working to considerably increase the pro-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at UN headquarters on Monday. Reuters

portion of biofuel blend in petrol and diesel. We have provided clean cooking gas to 150 million families.”

Referring to one of his government’s flagship initiatives, Modi said: “We have launched the Jal Jeevan mission for water conservation, rainwater harvesting and for the development of water resources. India is going to spend approximately \$50 billion on this in the next few years.”

On the solar initiative led by India and France, he said: “Almost 80 countries have joined our International Solar Alliance campaign. India and Sweden together with other partners are launching the leadership group within the industry transition track. This initiative will provide a platform for governments and the private sector with opportunities for cooperation in the area of technology innovation. This will help to develop low carbon pathways for industry.”

# ‘This level of engagement has never been attempted’

INDIA’S PERMANENT Representative to the UN SYED AKBARUDDIN speaks to SHUBHAJIT ROY on the focus of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit and India’s approach. Excerpts:

**What is the main focus of the Prime Minister’s visit to the UN, especially since this is his first visit after 2015?**

First, I must tell you that this level of engagement has never before been attempted. By conservative estimates, there will be meetings with as many as 75 countries if you look at engagements by the PM, External Affairs Minister and the Minister of State.

If you look at the last visit during the UN General Assembly in 2014, there was a General Assembly statement, a few bilateral engagements and some multilateral (meetings) like the G-4 and BRICS meetings, and that’s it.

This time, our approach has been fundamentally altered. This is an opportunity to engage with the international community, and the opportunity is unparalleled. These are proper meetings with leaders from 75 countries, not pull-asides or brush-asides.

**How did this plan shape up?**

Our role in previous years was different. Now, UN is a place where many small and medium countries come with whom one can engage. Every year, India engages with countries of G-20, BRICS, East Asia and neighbours in some form or the other. But, India is not engaging enough with the rest of the world, so here’s an opportunity...So, we are going to have the first leaders’-level engagement with Caribbean countries under the rubric of CARICOM. We have common (interests) in cricket, commonwealth and culture, but only official meetings have taken place. So, the PM will engage with 14 of



these countries. Similarly, we are going to have a meeting with leaders from Pacific islands. PM met them in Fiji and then, in Jaipur in 2015. Four years have passed, so it’s time to re-connect with leaders of 12 of these countries.

**So, what’s the thematic focus of India’s engagement at the UN this time?**

Look at the UN agenda, it is not only about peace and security: nothing is moving in peace and security, with China, US, Russia. The climate of cooperation is not there...The cooperation at the UN and the global level is happening in the fields of climate change, health, Sustainable Development Goals, Financing for Development. India will be among the top 6 countries to lead in these sectors so we are active on this agenda.

Also, peace and security doesn’t have a natural constituency in India. I mean, how many people

# ‘Ayushman Bharat a historic step towards affordable healthcare’

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 23

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Monday said that India has taken “historic steps” including the world’s largest health insurance scheme — Ayushman Bharat — to provide access to affordable health care services to all and banning of e-cigarettes. Besides, greater awareness through Clean India campaign and immunization campaigns have also contributed to health promotion.

Addressing the first ever high-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage here, Modi said, “World welfare begins with people’s welfare, and health is an important component of it. And in line with this global principle, India is laying great emphasis on health.”

He said that health does not simply mean freedom from diseases. “A healthy life is every person’s right”. The onus for ensuring this is on governments, he added.

To ensure affordable healthcare, he said that India has rolled out the world’s largest health insurance scheme- Ayushman Bharat. Under this scheme, 500 million poor have been given the facility of free treatment worth up to 500,000 rupees annually (more than USD\$7000). There are more than 5000 Special Pharmacies, where more than 800 varieties of vital medicines are available at affordable prices.

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## INX MEDIA CASE

# Chidambaram tells court: Allegation of influencing witnesses nothing but conjecture

PRITAMPAL SINGH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER UNION Minister P Chidambaram Monday opposed the CBI’s claim in the Delhi High Court that he was the “main conspirator” in the INX Media case, saying he has “not received any payment” into any of his “bank accounts or by any other manner”.

Strongly opposing CBI demand to not grant him bail, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told Justice Suresh Kumar Kait that “allegation of influencing witnesses and tampering with evidence are bereft of any particulars and are nothing but conjectures.”

“The said allegations are predicated on possibility, apprehension and or potential,” Sibal said, adding that the “liberty of a citizen cannot be interfered with merely on the basis of possibility or apprehension or potential and in the absence of any substantive and cogent material in support of such allegations”.

Sibal further argued that there is no loss to the public exchequer in this case. “No public funds were involved in this case and it also not a case of bank fraud or taking money out of the country or defrauding depositors or stealing money from a company. On the contrary, Rs 305 crore has come into INX Media (the investment company) as FDI, well within the approval percentage of 46.216 % of equity. Out of this Rs 305 crore, Rs 26 crore was invested in an Indian subsidiary company (namely INX News) based on FIPB approval,” Sibal argued.

Probing charges of corruption

in the INX Media case, the CBI had arrested Chidambaram on August 21. The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody for 15 days and is now in judicial custody in Tihar jail till October 3.

Referring to the CBI’s allegations of the office of the finance minister being allegedly misused with brazenness and impunity, Sibal said “as per normal procedure, the FDI proposal of INX Media was processed by several officers in the FIPB unit”. “Thereafter, it was put up to the FIPB (comprising of six secretaries), which after due consideration, made its recommendations to the Ministry of Finance. In the Ministry, the case was once again examined by several officers (from the Under Secretary all the way up to the Additional Secretary) of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). Thereafter, the case was put up to the Secretary, DEA, (who had previously considered and recommended the case as Chairman of the FIPB) who once again signed the file and put it up to the competent authority (Finance Minister) on May 28, 2007,” Sibal told the court.

Sibal argued that no single officer can take a decision on any proposal. “It is a collective decision of six Secretaries, assisted by several officers in the FIPB Unit and the Department of Economic Affairs. Therefore, it is preposterous to allege that any person, such as Mr Chidambaram’s son Karti Chidambaram, could have influenced any official of the FIPB, including all six senior Secretaries to the Government of India,” Sibal said.



Former PM Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi after meeting Congress leader P Chidambaram at Tihar Jail, in New Delhi on Monday. Tashi Tobgyal

## SONIA, MANMOHAN MEET CHIDAMBARAM IN JAIL

# All decisions recorded in files, hope courts will render justice: Manmohan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER PRIME minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday met senior Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram for the first time since his arrest in the INX Media case. The senior Congress leaders met Chidambaram at Tihar Jail, where he has been lodged since September 5.

Expressing concern over Chidambaram’s continued detention, Singh commented on the INX media case for the first time and fully backed the former finance and home minister. “In our system of government, no decision can be taken by any single person. All decisions are collective decisions recorded in files. A dozen officers, including six Secretaries to the govern-

ment, examined and recommended the proposal. Minister Chidambaram approved the unanimous recommendation.”

“If the officers are not at fault, it is beyond our comprehension how the Minister who simply approved the recommendation can be accused of committing an offence. If the Minister is liable for approving a recommendation, the whole system of government will collapse,” Singh said in a statement issued after the meeting.

“We are confident, and we sincerely hope, that the courts will render justice in this case,” Singh said.

The two leaders were accompanied by Chidambaram’s son and Lok Sabha MP Karti Chidambaram said he was honoured that the two leaders visited him. “I am honoured that Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh called on me today. As long as the

Congress party is strong and brave, I will also be strong and brave,” he tweeted. The meeting lasted for the full allotted time of around half-an-hour, party leaders said. They said Gandhi told Chidambaram that the party “fully” stands behind him and will fight the case politically.

Chidambaram also took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his “everything is fine in India” remark at the Howdy Modi event in Houston, saying, “Bharat mai sab achha hai. Except for unemployment, loss of existing jobs, lower wages, mob violence, lockdown in Kashmir and throwing Opposition leaders in prison.”

Party leaders said Chidambaram and Singh discussed economic issues, including the corporate tax cut. The leaders also enquired about Chidambaram’s health, they said.

# Saradha scam: Rajeev Kumar seeks anticipatory bail

Kolkata: Two days after Alipore district sessions court rejected his prayer, former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar’s wife on Monday filed an anticipatory bail petition on his behalf before the Calcutta High Court in Saradha chit fund scam.

The plea is likely to be moved by Kumar’s lawyers before a division bench of the High Court on Tuesday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) claimed that Kumar is not cooperating with it in the probe and has been evading appearance before its team on frivolous grounds.

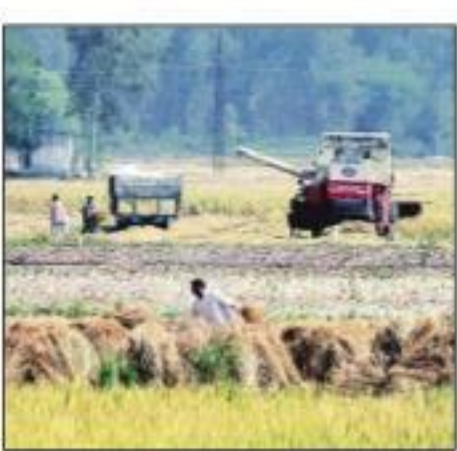
The counsel of the senior IPS officer, who is currently the Additional Director General in CID, said he has taken leave from September 9 to 25. ENS

# Stubble burning can be controlled if farmers are compensated: Punjab

SHIVAM PATEL  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

STUBBLE BURNING in Punjab can be controlled completely if farmers are compensated for management of paddy straws, the state’s agriculture secretary KSPannu told The Indian Express Monday. Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh would also seek compensation for farmers for stubble management in a letter he was writing to the Centre Monday, he said.

“This can control (stubble burning) 100%. The government of India can give a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal while procuring paddy... to those farmers who do not burn (the straw),” he said.



Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana impacts Delhi-NCR’s air quality. Archive

Around October every year, farmers in Punjab, Haryana and other North West Indian states set fire to paddy residue in order to clear their fields to sow fresh

wheat crops.

This is said to harm quality of soil and air by releasing pollutants, including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter, which can also impact health. Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is also known to have an impact on Delhi-NCR’s air quality.

Announcing the Delhi government’s winter action plan on September 13, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said smoke released from crop burning in the two states veers over to Delhi around November 1, creating smog over the city and turning it into a “gas chamber”.

The minimum support price at which the Centre would buy Grade ‘A’ paddy this year is set at

Rs 1,835 per quintal as of July 2019. This has increased by Rs 385 since 2015-16 and Rs 65 from the previous financial year.

Total paddy procured from Punjab in 2018-19 was 169.17 lakh metric tonnes. If Rs 100 per quintal bonus was paid to all farmers in the state the previous financial year, the Centre would have given an incentive of nearly Rs 1,700 crore.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2018, the Punjab CM had made a request similar to the one he is expected to make in Monday’s letter. He had said nearly 15 million metric tonnes of paddy straw was being burned annually in the state, despite strict measures taken to control it.

# Cong slams Modi for endorsing Trump poll campaign at Houston

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE CONGRESS on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of violating Indian foreign policy’s “time-honoured convention” of not interfering in domestic elections of another country by “actively campaigning” for US President Donald Trump at the ‘Howdy, Modi’ event in Houston.

The opposition party said Modi was in the US as India’s Prime Minister and not as a “star campaigner” in the US elections.

Addressing the media, senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said: “Our relationship with the United States have throughout been bipartisan, vis-à-vis Republicans and Democrats.

Your actively campaigning for Trump is a breach of both India and America as sovereign nations and democracies. Mr Prime Minister, you have violated the time-honoured principle of Indian foreign policy of not interfering in the domestic elections of another country.

“This is a singular disservice to the long-term strategic interests of India.”

Sharma said Modi should have honoured the convention that “we do not take a partisan position in domestic electoral politics” of another country. “It should not be seen that India is taking positions or sides, and the Prime Minister using that platform to exhort and raising that slogan on ‘Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar’ was better avoided,” the

Congress leader said.

Sharma said India has engaged with both a Republican administration and Democrat administration in the past. “It was a Republican administration under President Bush — and we had Prime Minister Manmohan Singh — when we successfully negotiated the Indo-US nuclear deal, but when the US elections came Prime Minister Singh, and for that matter the Indian leadership, did not take a partisan position to support or endorse the Republicans,” he said.

“When Barack Obama took over as US President, we carried forward that engagement as effectively as we had done with the previous Republican administration,” the Rajya Sabha member said.



3 Hizbul men held for killing of BJP, RSS leaders in Kishtwar

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 23

WITH THE arrest of three Hizbul Mujahideen militants and an over-ground worker, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said Monday that it had solved four incidents of terror, including the killing of a senior BJP leader and an RSS functionary in Jammu's Kishtwar.

IGP (Jammu zone) Mukesh Singh identified the arrested militants as Nissar Ahmed Sheikh, Nishad Ahmed and Azad Hussain, and the over-ground worker (OGW) as Rustam. Searches are continuing for others, including Jahangir Saroori, the longest surviving militant in Chenab Valley.

The arrests were made nearly 10 days after militants locked Kishtwar PDP district president Sheikh Nasir and his family inside his house for the entire night on September 12-13 before decamping with an AK-47 rifle.

On November 1, last year, BJP state secretary Anil Parihar and his brother Ajit were shot dead by militants in Tapal Mohalla. Nearly four months later, militants snatched an AK-47 rifle from the personal security officer (PSO) of Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Angez Singh Rana. This was followed by the killing of RSS functionary Chanderkant Sharma and his PSO in April.

The killings, Singh said, were part of a conspiracy by Saroori in 2017-18 to revive militancy in Chenab Valley. Nissar Ahmed Sheikh, Zahid and Osama — also Hizbul terrorists — among others, were also part of the conspiracy, he said.

Rustam also joined them and on instructions of Nissar Sheikh and Osama, helped build hideouts in the houses of Nishad and Azad Hussain. Both hideouts have been busted and arms, ammunition and explosives have been recovered. An NIA team is also in Jammu and will take custody of one of the arrested militants allegedly involved in the killing of the BJP leader.

PROTEST OVER DELAY IN APPOINTMENT

Strong support for panel's V-C pick: 'NLSIU deserves well-qualified academic'

JOHNSONTA  
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 23

ONE OF the reasons there has been a groundswell of support on the campus of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) — from a large section of students, faculty and alumni — for a young professor, chosen by an expert committee to be the new vice-chancellor, is a sense of a drop in teaching standards at NLSIU.

The credentials of Prof Sudhir

Kashmir clampdown claims being made by terrorists, says Army Chief

General Rawat says Balakot terror camp reactivated, at least 500 militants ready to infiltrate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 23

ARMY CHIEF General Bipin Rawat Monday said reports of a clampdown in Kashmir was a claim made by militants — and that the only breakdown in the Valley is in communications between militants and their handlers from Pakistan.

The Army chief also said that Pakistan's Balakot terror camp, which was targeted by Indian air strikes after the Pulwama attack, had been reactivated. He said that at least 500 militants are waiting to infiltrate into J&K from Pakistan.

Speaking to reporters after inaugurating the Young Leaders Training Wing at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai, Gen Rawat said the clampdown in Kashmir is "communication breakdown between the handlers of the terrorists operating from Pakistan and the terrorists in the Valley".

"Otherwise, all telephone lines have been opened up... Special provisions are made by security forces for people to talk to their



General Bipin Rawat in Chennai, Monday. PTI

dear ones whenever they want to... So there is no communication breakdown between people to people," he said.

Gen Rawat claimed that reports of a clampdown were projections by terrorists to convey that the government is taking harsh measures in Kashmir. Denying reports of shops being closed in Srinagar, he said shops open their rear doors and that the "front shutters are down because terrorists are threatening shop-

keepers" to project the impression of a shutdown.

Gen Rawat also hinted that India could do something "beyond" Balakot. "Let met tell you, Balakot has been reactivated by Pakistan very recently. That shows that Balakot was affected; it was damaged and destroyed," he said.

Asked about the next plan of action, he said: "Earlier, we did something, we did Balakot. Why not keep the other side guessing about what we will do? Why not

something beyond that?"

The Army chief also said that "at least 500 people are waiting to infiltrate (J&K from Pakistan)". He said that India is pushing more forces along the border as the infiltration pattern change with fluctuations in weather. "As temperature keeps falling, the snow start coming in... They come to areas which are less snow bound," he said.

Later in the day, sources in the Army said, 450-500 militants were waiting to infiltrate into the country from Pakistan and that this number is the highest in the last few years.

About 250-270 militants are ready to cross into India at the moment, they said.

They said that though there have been reports that nearly 60 militants have already entered India over the last two months, the Army has confirmation for less than 15. There are "very strong inputs" of infiltration attempts over the next 3-4 days, they said.

In Chennai, Rawat said there is an improvement in the ground situation along the borders — "killings are down, violence is down, terror-

ists are being kept at bay".

"We will gradually start releasing, easing the pressures on people... But let me tell you, I don't agree with those who say that there is a clampdown. If that is true, how is it possible for brick kilns that are operating in the Valley, very close to Jhelumgar?"

"You go to the Jhelum river, you find a large number of boats in which people are collecting sand, which is being transported in trucks... How will people load, and run these trucks if there is a clampdown? If there is a clampdown, how are these apple orchards seen with heaps of apples which are plucked, packed into boxes and being transported out of the Valley..." he said.

Asked about chances of incursions along the Chinese border, with the second informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping to be held next month, Gen Rawat said they were "transgressions that happened because of differing perceptions about the Line of Actual Control".

-WITH ENS INPUTS

Military installations in northern region on terror alert

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA  
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 23

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES have sounded an alert in the northern region, cautioning against a terror attack aimed at high-profile military targets following an influx of infiltrators from across the border with Pakistan.

Sources said the input came from technical surveillance and consequently, all stakeholders in the northern region, particularly Punjab and adjoining districts of Rajasthan, have been notified about the need for extra security.

Intelligence alerts have cautioned that state-sponsored radical groups from Pakistan may attempt to infiltrate the international border in Punjab and Rajasthan to carry out terror strikes.

Several military areas of the Army and Air Force (IAF) have been put on high alert.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 were imposed in border areas of Sri Ganganagar district of Rajasthan a few days ago, it is learnt. No such orders have been issued in the border districts of Punjab yet.

Sources in the Army con-

firmed that an alert had been received. "Normally a high-security status is maintained during the festive season but this alert is a little more specific. The UN General Assembly session may be a good opportunity for inimical agencies to create mischief in India," said a senior officer.

It is also learnt that a meeting of Army Commanders of various commands was called in New Delhi at the Army Headquarters on Sunday. Sources said the Army brass is seized of these developments.

Sources in Punjab Police said that sleeper cells of separatist or-

ganisations were getting active again and an extremely high vigil was being kept on border areas, especially after the use of drones was detected for delivery of weapons and communication devices.

The police busted a module of the Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) on Sunday, which was reportedly backed by a Pakistan and Germany-based terror group, conspiring to launch strikes in Punjab and/or adjoining states.

Five AK-47 rifles, pistols, satellite phones and hand grenades were recovered from

members of the group.

Taking cognizance of this, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has urged the Central government to direct the IAF and BSF to launch counter-measures to check any further threat from drones.

According to Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta, the weapons were suspected to have been delivered recently across the Indo-Pak border from Pakistan via drones launched by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and the state-sponsored jihadi and pro-Khalistani terrorist outfits working under its command.

NLSIU students' body calls off stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE STUDENT Bar Association of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) on Monday decided to call off protests over the delay in the appointment of a full-time vice-chancellor.

The move comes after the chancellor of the university, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, took note of the students' concerns but expressed unhappiness over the strike in a meeting with an NLSIU alumnus.

The decision to call off the strike was taken after the CJI and the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court, Justice S A Bobde, were briefed on behalf of the students by senior advocate and NLSIU alumni member Gopal Sankaranarayanan.

The CJI and Justice Bobde "while noting our concerns and our right to voice the same, have asked that the boycott of exams and protest be called off by the student body immediately," the SBA said in a statement.

It said the students will not cause any hindrance to an executive council meeting scheduled for September 28 — where the final decision on appointment of the new V-C is expected — and the convocation on September 29.

The statement suggested that the CJI and Justice Bobde were of the view that the process of selecting a V-C had been completed in July and that a decision of a sub-committee of the NLSIU executive council to pick Prof Rhodes Scholar and NLSIU alumnus Sudhir Krishnaswami, as the new V-C was final. In the meeting

with Sankaranarayanan, the CJI and Justice Bobde indicated that "it is abundantly clear to them that the decision of the sub-committee constituted by the executive council was final", the SBA said.

Sankaranarayanan, in a statement regarding the meeting, said the judges were unhappy with the protests. "There were serious misgivings about the students of a premier institution going on a 'strike' for a matter like this. It was pointed out that the students really have no say in appointment of the Vice Chancellor, and ought not to have adopted a measure that would browbeat the Executive Council. I mentioned that this was mainly due to the conduct of the administration which had been unhelpful," the statement released by SBA said.

Students boycotted classes on Friday and exams on Monday to protest the nearly two-month delay, despite a panel of experts chosen by the chancellor (CJI) picking a candidate and the candidate being vetted by a committee of the NLSIU executive council on July 23. The appointment has been in limbo despite former V-C Prof R Venkata Rao retiring on July 31.

A three-member high-level committee appointed by the CJI shortlisted three candidates, with Krishnaswami identified as the most suitable.

When the committee's decision was placed before the executive council on July 6 for consideration on the directions of the CJI, the council, with 20 members, decided to get the decision vetted by a sub-committee of the executive council. On July 23, the sub-committee, headed by Justice S A Bobde (acting chancellor of NLSIU), interviewed the three shortlisted candidates and recommended Krishnaswami.

According to SBA members, the process of announcement of the new V-C was stalled on account of the university's registrar — an aspirant for the post — delaying the process to take the decision to another executive council meeting scheduled for September 28.



NORTH

Helicopter makes emergency landing, passengers safe

Dehradun: Six pilgrims and a pilot on board a private helicopter had a narrow escape when the chopper made an emergency landing in Kedarnath shrine soon after take-off on Monday. Authorities claimed that all passengers and the pilot were safe while the tail end of the helicopter got damaged dur-

ing landing. The incident took place at the helipad nearly one-kilometer from Kedarnath shrine. "Soon after take-off, the pilot realized that chopper had developed some technical snag and he made an emergency landing," said Disaster Management Officer, Rudraprayag, Harish Chandra Sharma. ENS



A private helicopter made an emergency landing at Kedarnath helipad after developing a glitch, at Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand on Monday. Virender Singh Negi

EAST

9 dead as bus collides with minibus at Assam's Demow

Demow: Nine people were killed and several others injured in a collision between a bus and a minibus in Assam's Sivasagar district on Monday, police said. The accident took place around 8.35 am when the bus, travelling from Golaghat to Dibrugarh, collided with the minibus coming from the opposite direc-

tion, at Demow on NH 37, the police said. Due to the collision's impact, both the vehicles fell into a roadside ditch. Some bodies were recovered from the two vehicles, while some of the seriously injured passengers succumbed to their injuries on the way to hospital, said Assistant Sub Inspector K Ali. PTI

WEST

Engineering student dies day after being stabbed

Pune: A 21-year-old engineering student who was stabbed on Sunday, allegedly by a 24-year-old man on the terrace of a building, succumbed to her injuries on Monday morning. The suspect, Basawraj Siddhappa Hili worked at an IT firm in Pune and the victim, an engineering student, are both from Solapur. The victim had

come to Pune to attend a workshop at a college. On Sunday, Hili allegedly picked up the victim from the college and took her to the building. After a heated argument, he allegedly attacked her and fled from the spot. The victim was taken to a hospital where she succumbed to her injuries at 11 am, they said. ENS

SOUTH

13 people arrested in connection with shootout

Mangaluru: Thirteen people were arrested in connection with the shootout on Sunday night at Ullal near here, police said on Monday. Six people were arrested while seven others were held for assault. The firearm used during the clashes has been recovered, he said. City Police Commissioner P S Harsha said the clash was

between a gang led by young political leader Suhail Khandak and their rivals in Ullal. Suhail fired six rounds of which one bullet pierced the leg of Irshad (18). Irshad was taken to a hospital in Deralakatte, while Suhail and car driver Basheer, were admitted in a hospital at Thokkottu. PTI

MP govt forms SIT to probe honeytrap racket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 23

DAYS AFTER a syndicate that allegedly blackmailed government officials and politicians by threatening to circulate videos of them in compromising positions was busted, the Madhya Pradesh government on Monday formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the matter.

The case snowballed into a major controversy with the ruling Congress accusing the BJP of having backed the syndicate to destabilise the government. BJP denied the allegation, stating that one of the accused was associated with the Congress in the past.

The SIT will come under IG (CID) D Srinivas Varma. DGP VK Singh said the team has been asked to probe the case from all angles and submit a report.

The Indore police has so far arrested six people, including five women, after an engineer with the Indore Municipal Corporation alleged that the syndicate had been blackmailing him by threatening to circulate his video in a compromising position with one of the accused. The engineer was suspended on Monday.

The SIT was formed in the wake of the demand by the BJP that the government should immediately order a CBI probe into the case. "If the government does not order CBI probe it will mean that the government has something to hide," said former BJP Minister Narottam Mishra.

Two days ago, Law and Public Relations Minister P C Sharma had alleged that several BJP ministers were behind the conspiracy to destabilise the government.

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्समिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड निम्नलिखित ई-निविदा अधिकृत एवं अनुमती कार्यवाही संस्थाओं/ फर्मों से, जो जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत हों, ई-टेंडर के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। विस्तृत विवरण प्रतिष्ठित समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन के उपरान्त ई-टेंडर की वेबसाइट [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) एवं विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.upptcl.org](http://www.upptcl.org) पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।  
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1. ई-निविदा संस्था टी-129/वि.पा.म.(आ.)/2019-20- विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र आगरा पर न्यूमेरिकल रिले की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु।  
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3. ई-निविदा संस्था टी-131/वि.पा.म.(आ.)/2019-20- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- प्रथम आगरा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र भीमनगरी आगरा का वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु।  
4. ई-निविदा संस्था टी-132/वि.पा.म.(आ.)/2019-20- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम आगरा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र फतेहाबाद आगरा का वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु।  
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE AGAINST CHINMAYANAND

# HC satisfied with SIT probe, no relief to law student against arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 23

EXPRESSING satisfaction over the SIT's progress in the probe into the alleged sexual harassment of a 23-year-old law student by BJP leader and former Union minister Swami Chinmayanand, the Allahabad High Court on Monday rejected an application filed by the woman seeking a stay against her arrest in an alleged extortion threat case filed by the 72-year-old politician.

The SIT on Monday submitted a status report of the probe in a sealed envelope to the two-judge Bench comprising Justices Manoj Mishra and Rani Chauhan. "The court found that the SIT has been moving in a good, proper, free and fair manner. The



Chinmayanand

court also rejected an application moved from the student's side, praying for a stay against her arrest. The court has rejected the plea on the ground that it was not a proper forum, and has asked the student to apply in an appropriate court." Additional Government Advocate, Ashutosh Kumar Sand, said.

The Bench also did not accept a second prayer by the law student, who had sought permis-

sion to record a fresh statement under Section 164 of the Code Of Criminal Procedure as she said her earlier statement before the magistrate was not proper.

"The student had also sought to get her statement recorded before the magistrate again. The court denied the request and said whatever you have said (before the magistrate), its credibility would be tested during the course of the trial," Sand said.

After the 23-year-old, who studied at a law college in Shahjahanpur run by Chinmayanand's trust, accused the BJP leader of sexual harassment in a video clip, his lawyers filed a case of an extortion threat against her and others. Chinmayanand's lawyers had alleged that a WhatsApp message demanding Rs 5 crore was received on the BJP leader's mobile

phone. The message, they alleged, threatened to make some video clips viral if the amount was not given. Police have arrested three youths in this connection.

The High Court will next hear the matter on October 22.

Meanwhile, a local court in Shahjahanpur rejected the bail pleas of Chinmayanand and the three youths booked in the extortion case.

Chinmayanand was on Monday shifted from the Shahjahanpur district jail to the SGPGI in Lucknow for medical tests. "The doctors at the medical college in Shahjahanpur had advised Chinmayanand to get an angiography test done... Chinmayanand's electrocardiogram had diagnosed that he has a heart problem," Rakesh Kumar, Shahjahanpur district jail superintendent, said.

## Dehradun BJP leader held in case of illicit liquor deaths

LALMANI VERMA  
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 23

DAYS AFTER six people died in Dehradun after they allegedly consumed country-made liquor, Uttarakhand Police on Monday arrested a BJP leader from the city named Ajay Sonkar in connection with his alleged role in supply of the illicit liquor.

Sonkar was on the run after his name surfaced in the incident, which was reported on September 20.

Hours before Sonkar's arrest, Uttarakhand BJP expelled him from the party's primary membership.

Dehradun SSP Arun Mohan Joshi said Sonkar had fled to Haridwar and planned to surrender in a Dehradun court on Monday but was arrested before that.

Confirming Sonkar's expulsion, BJP's Dehradun mahanagar unit president Vinay Goyal said Sonkar was vice-president of the party's mandal unit in Dehradun and had joined BJP after the 2017 Assembly polls. He had contested the Assembly polls as an Independent candidate from Rajpur Road constituency.

Goyal said Sonkar was municipal corporator as a Congress candidate in the past. Sonkar has been booked under IPC Sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 328 (causing hurt by means of poison, etc., with intent to commit offence). But the police are waiting for viscera examination report of the three deceased to confirm the exact cause of death.

Another accused in the case, Gaurav, who was arrested on Saturday, had told the police that he had bought country liquor from Sonkar in the past.

After his arrest, Sonkar told the police that he used to buy country liquor from licensed shops at low price and sold it at higher price through his agents. SSP Joshi said a team of experts from IIT-Roorkee has been engaged to examine possibilities of contamination in country liquor that was sold to affected people.



Partha Paul

## 9 INJURED DURING ABVP MARCH

ABVP supporters attempt to break a police cordon during their march towards Jadavpur University in Kolkata on Monday to protest against manhandling of Union minister Babul Supriyo. Three policemen and six ABVP activists were injured. CM Mamata Banerjee said protests are important in democracy and "you cannot do everything by force". The student who allegedly pulled Supriyo's hair at JU said he will not apologise as it was not intentional.

## Gujarat man wanted in ISI conspiracy case held after 16 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 23

A JOINT team of Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Ahmedabad Crime Branch arrested a man, who was wanted in an alleged case of funding for "jihadist conspiracies" in the 2003 "ISI conspiracy" case, from Ahmedabad airport on Monday.

According to police, Abdul Wahab Sheikh (50), from Juhapura in Ahmedabad, had been living in Saudi Arabia for the past 16 years and returned to the city on Monday to meet his second wife and children who are settled here. Sheikh runs a garment shop in Saudi Arabia and is also a travel agent. He was employed as a tailor in Juhapura of Ahmedabad 16 years ago, police said.

Sheikh allegedly transferred different amounts of money on three occasions to one Mufti Sufiyan Patangiya, who was allegedly the mastermind in the murder case of former state

Home Minister Haren Pandya in 2003, and is absconding.

The matter refers to a case filed by the local crime branch in 2003, with retired IPS officer DG Vanzara at its helm, when the police claimed that a network of national and international terrorists were responsible for major terror attacks, assassinations and attempted assassinations in Gujarat, at the behest of Pakistan's ISI, allegedly to avenge the communal riots of Gujarat in 2002.

"It has come to light that Sheikh had transferred money to Mufti Sufiyan Patangiya in Ahmedabad through his cousin Abdul Majid from his phone. Majid, who was arrested earlier, is our main witness..." said BV Gohil, ACP, Crime Branch.

Patangiya, along with Sohail Khan and Rasool Khan alias Rasool Parti, an alleged aide of underworld gangster Dawood Ibrahim, are the three top accused in the ISI conspiracy case who are absconding.

## Man transporting cows assaulted in Rajasthan: police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 23

A MAN who was allegedly transporting cows illegally was assaulted by a mob in Rajasthan's Alwar district in the early hours of Monday, police said, adding that he is a suspected cow smuggler.

An FIR against around 50-60 unidentified persons has been lodged for the assault, police said.

According to the police, the incident happened near Fusa Ki Dhani village under Shahjahanpur police station around 3-4 am on Monday. They said the man, identified as Munfed Khan, was caught and beaten up by local residents.

"Cow smugglers were transporting bovines in two pickup trucks. After receiving information from local villagers... police had set up a barricade," said Additional SP, Neemrana, Siddhant Sharma. He said one of the trucks managed to get away, but the other vehicle was confiscated by the police. Khan, who was in the second vehicle, was then assaulted by a mob, police said.

## ORDER TO DEMOLISH FLATS

# Responsible for loss of lives: SC slams Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

REFERRING TO the "colossal loss" caused by the 2018 floods, the Supreme Court on Monday lashed out at Kerala government for its failure to act against illegal constructions in protected zones and warned that it will not hesitate to prosecute those responsible for culpable homicide.

A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and S Ravindra Bhatt was hearing the affidavit by Chief Secretary Tom Jose in response to the court's query on the delay in implementing its May 8 order to demolish illegal apartment complexes built in violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms at Maradu in Ernakulam district.

"Do you have any plan to comply with our order? There is not even any semblance of it in your affidavit," Justice Mishra told the Chief Secretary, represented by Senior Advocate Harish Salve.

**The court sought to know how many more illegal structures had come up in the state's coastal zones.**

"How many people were killed in the devastating floods last year?" he asked. The court sought to know how many more illegal structures had come up in the state's coastal zones and said a survey should be conducted.

"You people protect these structures... Can you shirk off responsibility?" Justice Mishra said, adding, "We are going to fix responsibility for that (loss of lives during floods) and this (illegal flats) also."

He recalled that Attorney General KK Venugopal, while arguing a case recently, had spoken about the law of torts not being enforced to claim damages from authorities responsible and said it was time to ensure this

## Mentally challenged man from UP beaten to death in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
RAJKOT, SEPTEMBER 23

A MENTALLY challenged man from Uttar Pradesh was allegedly beaten to death by seven persons after he smashed the window panes of their quarters in Moti Khavdi village of Jamnagar district early on Sunday.

Police said that it was not a case of mob lynching and that they had arrested three persons in this connection.

The victim has been identified as Ramdulare Chauhan (35), a native of UP's Kushinagar district.

Meghar police sub-inspector Dashrathsinh Vadher said that the victim entered the compound of the house located behind Govind Complex in Moti Khavdi at around 4 am Sunday and allegedly smashed the window panes with an iron rod. The tenants came out and an altercation ensued.

"The man assaulted one of the tenants with an iron rod. In retaliation, the tenants also kicked and punched and beat him with stick and polymer pipes following which the man

died on the spot," Sandeep Chaudhary, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Jamnagar said.

The ASP said that seven persons were involved in the alleged murder. They have been identified as Prabhakar Tripathi, Yogesh Singh, Manoj Singh, Sahil Ansari, Prakash Kumar, Santosh Kumar and Shivaji. "All the accused are from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and are employed as supervisors in a factory in Khavdi. We have arrested Prabhakar, Yogesh and Manoj on Monday, while the other four are on the run," Vadher said.

The factory owner, Akhilesh Kumar Singh, had taken the house on rent for his employees. "Ten others also live there. They alerted Akhilesh, who in turn contacted us," the sub-inspector said.

Based on a complaint filed by the factory owner, Meghar police booked the seven for murder, rioting, voluntarily causing hurt and common intent.

Jamnagar SP Sharad Singhal, said it was not a case of mob lynching. "The victim abused the accused, there was a fight and he got killed. This is not a case of mob lynching," Singhal said.

## Rajasthan cops parade 13 accused in underwear

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 23

THE RAJASTHAN Police paraded 13 men, accused of helping a gangster escape from a police station, in their undergarments through a busy market on Sunday.

Earlier this month, Vikram Gujar alias Papla escaped from the Behror police station after more than a dozen men allegedly armed with AK-47 rifles barged in and fired several rounds at the police before escaping.

Papla, who is from Mahendragarh in neighbouring Haryana, is wanted in five murder cases.

On Sunday, the parade was conducted amid heavy security, with more than hundred police personnel accompanying the accused. The police said the parade was done to reconstruct the crime scene.

"It was done for reconstruction of the crime scene. The investigation is being done by the SOG (special operations group) and in order to reach the conclu-

was remedied.

"You are responsible for loss of lives...and should be prosecuted for culpable homicide," Justice Mishra added.

Addressing the Chief Secretary, he said, "You have said nothing in this (affidavit)...350 families. Who will protect them? You are taking thousands of people's lives..."

Salve told the bench that the built-up area that had to be demolished was huge and it was impossible to use dynamite. He said he will advise the state to file a plan about how they would go about it.

But Justice Mishra said the attitude of the state was evident from the affidavit. Pointing out that the time granted by the court was over, he added, "They are in total defiance. They are holding meetings and mobilising public opinion."

"We will not leave any single person who is responsible for killing the people of Kerala," he said and fixed the matter for hearing on September 27.

## Kerala driver who set self on fire after 'threats' from CITU men dies

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 23

AN AUTO-RICKSHAW driver known to be a BJP sympathiser, who set himself on fire last week after CITU supporters allegedly harassed him, succumbed to his injuries Sunday. Police have arrested four CITU supporters in connection with the incident and booked several others.

It is alleged that the accused did not let N Rajesh (43) from Kozhikode ply his auto-rickshaw because he did not support the CPM, which the CITU is affiliated to, and refused to join the trade union.

Rajesh, who belonged to the fish workers' community, eked out a living by collecting and selling oysters until recently. When the traditional job failed to keep him afloat, he took a bank loan of Rs 1.5 lakh and bought an auto-rickshaw three months ago.

His wife Rajeesha said, "Rajesh was not allowed to ply the auto-rickshaw. The CITU supporters prevented him from parking the vehicle at Elathur, where he was assigned to operate by local

## Demolition will severely impact environment, says IIT study

VISHNU VARMA  
KOCHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE DEMOLITION of four apartment complexes at Maradu in Kochi, as ordered by the Supreme Court for flouting norms of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Act, can leave wide-ranging environmental effects, including severe impact on air quality, water bodies, loss of carbon footprint and generation of massive waste, an assessment report by a team of engineers at IIT Madras showed.

The report, submitted to Kerala government last week, was compiled after site inspections and meetings with officials of Maradu municipality, Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority and Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

The report recommends the method of implosion — demolition using explosives — but adds cautiously that the foundations of the buildings would consist of bored cast-in-situ reinforced concrete piles.

police. Whenever he tried to park the auto-rickshaw at the auto stand, the CITU-affiliated auto-rickshaw operators threatened him. They wanted him to join CITU and Rajesh was not willing to. For three months, they did not allow my husband to work. Several times they blocked the vehicle and threatened him."

Local BJP leader KT Santhosh said the CITU supporters would stop passengers from getting into Rajesh's auto-rickshaw. "They campaigned among the local groups that Rajesh should be boycotted. He was dejected over the harassment and was worried about repayment of his loan. Last Saturday, he was assaulted while he was sitting in his auto-rickshaw. Soon after, he set himself on fire," he said.

Elathur SHO C Anitha Kumari said Rajesh was given a permit to operate his auto-rickshaw at Elathur and he had obtained all necessary permits.

CITU Kozhikode district secretary T Dasan said he would not comment on the issue as it is under police investigation. "I am yet to get details about the incident. Let police investigation reveal the facts," he said.

trolling. An amount of Rs 31.90 lakh was seized and he was taken into custody for further interrogation. He was being questioned at the police station when armed men barged in and managed to flee with Papla.

Rajasthan Police had come under severe criticism following the incident and since then have deployed a large part of its resources to arrest Gujar and the men who helped him escape. So far 19 men have been arrested in the case, with the SOG also tailing the accused.

-WITH PTI INPUTS

## After 28-yr wait for reports, Bihar court delivers verdict in 45-yr-old murder case

SANTOSH SINGH  
POTHIA (BHAGALPUR), SEPTEMBER 23

IN WHAT seems to be a classic case of the justice delivery process being delayed due to lackadaisical approach of the police and district administration, a family from Pothia village under Bhagalpur's Sanhaula police station is now waiting for the Bhagalpur Civil Court to pronounce quantum of sentence in a 45-year-old murder case.

After unsuccessfully demanding post-mortem and forensic science laboratory reports for 28 years, the court had to proceed with accounts of seven witnesses and material evidence to convict one of the five accused on September 18. The quantum of sentence is due to be pronounced on Wednesday.

The case relates to the murder of Pothia resident and survey inspector Dhananjay Choudhary on April 28, 1974 over a land dispute.



Dhananjay Choudhary's daughter-in-law and nephew near the murder spot at Pothia village. Express

Regular hearings began in 1991 after the case remained pending for 17 years in the absence of proper follow-up. The case went through a dozen courts and saw endless correspondence between courts, police and health department in search of post-mortem and forensic reports.

Additional and District Judge MP Singh convicted Choudhary's distant cousin Chaturanand Choudhary (65) but acquitted

## High pendency in Bihar courts

THE VERDICT assumes significance amid high pendency of cases — nearly 17 lakh cases are pending in Bihar's district courts. The Patna High Court had recently asked the government how long the courts could take in disposing of about 2.75 lakh liquor law cases when only 11 had been cleared so far.

Chaturanand's younger brother Ravindra Choudhary, giving him the benefit of doubt.

Sanhaula police station had booked five people, including

Chandra Kishan Choudhary, his sons Chaturanand, Ravindra, Madan and one Ramvilas Yadav.

Chandra Kishan Choudhary and Ramvilas Yadav died a few years ago. Madan claimed that he was a minor at the time of the murder and his case has been sent to juvenile court for review.

Additional Public Prosecutor Mohammed Riyaz Hussain said, "The court observed on the day of conviction that it had been enough and decided to deliver the verdict without the two reports." At Pothia village, Madhuri Devi, wife of Choudhary's son Subhash, said, "The case has taken a toll on all of us... My eldest brother-in-law Dilip Choudhary, who first followed the case, died three years ago."

Choudhary's nephew Rajkishore Choudhary, who had to stay away from the village due to fear of the accused, said, "Chaturanand's family had to sell out about 70 bighas of land fighting the case. Yet they could not tilt the course of natural justice."



# Classifieds

## PERSONAL

**We,** Dhaval Gupta and Mrs. Kinshavi Sanghvi, Parents of Ehaan Gupta (Date of Birth: February 13, 2019) R/o D-74, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi-110017, have Changed our Son's name Ehaan Gupta to Ehaan Sanghvi Gupta for all future purposes. 040513480-1

**My** name and DOB has been wrongly mentioned as Gousia Javeed (DOB 24-01-2001) instead of Gousia Javed (DOB 03-04-2002) in the service records of my late father. It needs correction. Any objections be filed within seven days to the concerned authorities. Gousia Javed D/o Late Rfn Javed Ahmad Khan (No 9099482N) R/o Awoor, Kupwara. 02020393580-1

**I,** No. 9099528L, EX-NK Fayaz Ahmad S/o Sheeraz Khan, R/o Awoor, Tehsil/ District Kupwara. In my service records, name and (DOB) of my wards has been wrongly mentioned as Fardous Ahmed Khan (DOB 10-10-2004) and Thair Ahmed Khan (DOB 12.11.2005) instead of Firdous Ahmad Khan (DOB 07-03-2001) and Tahir Ahmad Khan (DOB 11.03.2003) respectively. It needs correction. Objections be filed to Jakli RC within seven days. 02020393579-1

**I, Neelam** Kumari D/o. Sh. Bakshi Ram W/o. Sh. Naresh Kumar Ahuja R/o. B-1/6, 3rd. floor, Dashrath Puri, New Delhi-110045, have declare that I have changed my name after marriage from Neelam Kumari to Neelam Ahuja for all purposes. 040513496-3

**I, Kum.** Seema Kumari Jain W/o Surendra Kumar Jain R/o-A-24, Kewal Park Extension, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Seema Jain for all future purposes. 040513493-2

**I, Yogesh** S/o Shri Ramji Sharma R/o-222, Aliganj, Kotla Mubarakpur, New-Delhi-110003, have changed my name to Yogesh Sharma, for all future purposes. 040513517-1

**I, Vishnu** S/o Raj Pal R/o-RZ-36 A/6 First-Floor Gali-1, Dada Chhatril Wala Marg, Raj Nagar-1, Palam Colony, Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Vishnu Panwar Permanently. 040513453-2

**I, Vishal** Sharma S/o late sh. Raj Kumar Sharma R/o-E-121 Assotech Windsor Park Plot 5 Indrapuram Ghaziabad U.P.-201014, have changed my son's name from Astivsh sharma to YASH SHARMA for all purpose. 040513460-1

**I, Virendra** Singh S/o Sultan Singh R/o WZ-549A, Naraina Village, New Delhi-110028, have changed my name to Virender Singh. 040513509-1

**I, Vinod** Gupta S/o Late Sh. Ramdin Gupta R/o WE-167, Gali No-7, Ganesh Nagar-2, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 do hereby solemnly inform that Vinod Gupta and Rajendra Prasad both are one and the same person, and in future will be known as Vinod Gupta. 040513483-1

**I, Varsha** Bamania D/O Ram Parkash H. No-19, Street. No-6, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110031.. Changed My Name To Varsha. 040513514-4

**I, Tehsina** Parveen, W/o-Sh. Aminuddin R/o-3085, 3rd-Floor, Partap-Street, Near-Golcha Cinema-Park ING, DaryaGanj, N.Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Taseena. 040513514-7

**I, Teejram** S/o Dasru Ram R/o-A505, Sanjay Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-21 have changed my name to Tijram. 040513496-2

**I, Swarn** Lata D/O Budh Sen Gangwar, R/O-B-701, Shatabdi Rai-Vihar, Sector-62, Noida, Gautam Budh-Nagar, U.P.201301., changed My Name To Swarn Lata Gangwar. 040513499-4

**I, Sushil** Kumar S/o Late Shri G. K. Balha R/O Flat No. 13, F-Block, Alaknanda Apartments, Rampuri, Ghaziabad Pin-201011 have changed my name from Sushil Kumar to Sushil Kumar Balha for all purposes. 040513485-1

**I, Sushil** Chaudhary S/o Sh. Dharampal R/O H.No. 5807, Gali No.-13, Anew Chandrawal Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Delhi-110007 inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sushil in my minor son Himanshu Mandaar aged 17 years 10th class marksheet & certificate. The actual name of mine is Sushil Chaudhary, which may be amended accordingly. 040513449-2

**I, Surinder** Kumar Singal S/o Jagmohan Singal R/O H.No. 86, Pocket-4 and 5, Sector 23, Rohini, ND-85, have changed my name to Surinder Singal for all purposes. 040513521-1

**I, Sunil** Kumar S/o Shri Dharam Pal Singh R/o-D-1/579, Gali No-13, Ashok Nagar, Shahdra, Delhi-110093, have changed the name of my minor Son aged about 14years from Dinesh to Dinesh Kumar for all future Purposes. 040513496-6

**I, Sunil** Jadhvi S/o Sachida Nand R/o 74-C, Pocket A-3, Mayur Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-96, have change my name to Sunil Kumar for all future purposes. 040513494-1

**I, Suman** Rana W/o Ravinder Singh R/o H.No. 12/5A, Basai, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana, have changed my name to Suman Kataria for all purposes. 040513524-1

**I, Sudha** Kumari W/o-Raj Kishor Singh R/o H.O-74A, New Mahavir-Nagar, New-Delhi-18, Have Changed My Name to Sudha Singh. 040513499-1

**I, Subhash** S/O Sunder Lal Chugh R/O-C-128, 3rd-Floor, Jeevan-Park, Uttam Nagar, N.Delhi-110059, Changed My Name To Subhash Chugh. 040513514-5

**I, Siddharth** Nagar S/o Jaibir Singh R/o-H.No.793 Sector-17, Faridabad, My father.& Mother Name is Wrongly Written in my-10th Certificate Jaibeer Nagar.& Nagesh Nagar.& 12th-Certificate Jaibir Singh Nagar.& Nageshwari Nagar.The Correct name is Jaibir Singh.& Nageshwari. 040513453-3

**I, Shweta** W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o E-13, Uttam Nagar, ND-59, have changed my name to Savita for all purposes. 040513548-1

**I, Shradhanjali** Rout D/o Sh. Deen Bandhu Rout R/O-K-63/12, Sourabh Vihar, Jaipur, Badarpur, New Delhi-44, have changed my name to Shradha Rout for all purposes. That Shradhanjali Rout & Shradha Rout is the one and same person. 040513488-1

**I, Shaif** Drangi D/o P.N. Sharma R/o 602/DA2, Jai Maa Durga apt., Ward No. 3, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name to SHAIF DRANGI SHARMA for all future purposes. 040513457-1

**I, Saurabh** Goyal S/o Ajay Goyal R/o-Village & Post Fatehpur, Billoch Ballabgarh, Faridabad, have changed my name to Saurav Goyal. 040513453-1

**I, Shaahid** Idreesi, R/o-R-14, First-Floor, Gaffar-Manzil, Haji-colony, Jamia-Nagar Part-2, Okhla, Delhi-10025, have changed my minor son's name, from Zahid to Mohammad Zahid. 040513499-9

**I, Shaahid** Idreesi, R/o-R-14, First-Floor, Gaffar-Manzil, Haji-colony, Jamia-Nagar Part-2, Okhla, Delhi-10025, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Samiya to Samiya Idreesi. 040513499-10

**I, Satyam** S/o-Arun Kumar R/o K-1090/13, Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Satish Kumar Malhotra, permanently sharma to YASH SHARMA for all purpose. 040513499-3

**I, Satish** Kumar S/o-Padam Chand R/o R/O-102A, 3rd-Floor, J-Block, Street-No.6, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Satish Kumar Malhotra, permanently sharma to YASH SHARMA for all purpose. 040513460-1

**I, Sarthak** S/o Amit Kumar Rajora R/o RZ.F 772/19 Gali No.13 Raj-Nagar Part-II Palam Colony ND-45 changed my name to Sarthak Rajora. 040513461-5

**I, SHEEMA** ZIA D/o Mr. Ziaullah Siddiqui R/o H-8, 2nd Floor, Azad Road, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Sheema Zia Siddiqui to SHEEMA ZIA & my actual date of birth 21-07-1991 in our all documents. Now I shall be known as SHEEMA ZIA & DOB 21-07-1991 for all future purposes. 040513458-1

**I, Roji** Singh W/o Sh. Rahul Kumar R/O.38/15, Pocket-7, Janta Flats, Sector-82, Maharishi Nagar, Gautam Budh-Nagar, Noida, UP-201301, that inadvertently in the Marksheet of my minor daughter namely Poorva Kumari aged-15Years, my name has been wrongly written as Rosi Sinha instead of Roji Singh. 040513496-4

**I, Ramesh** Kumar Goel alias Ramesh Chand Goel S/o Late. Bhagat Ram Goel, R/O-CP-9, Pitampura, Saraswati-Vihar, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ramesh Goel. 040513517-6

**I, Rama** Mani Jha, W/o Mithlesh Kumar Jha R/o-Flat.No.34-B, Janpyur-Apartment, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Rama Jha. 040513552-6

**I, Rabia** Khatoun W/o Late Mohd. Awaiz Ansari R/O-2185/8A1, Gurgaon Arjun Dev Nagar, Shadipur, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Rabia Sultana for all future purposes. 040513453-5

**I, Puspander** son of Shri Omir Singh, resident of Apartment No. 3B, Tower-20, Central Park-II, Sector 48, Sohna Road, Gurugram, have changed my son's name FROM NISHRAVY RAGHAV TO NISHRAVYA S RAGHAV for all future purposes. 040513481-1

**I, Pawan** Pratap Singh R/o-M-13, Sector-Delta-3, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my Son's name from Parth Pratap Singh to Karmanya Pratap Singh (DOB:-10/01/2005), for all future purposes. 040513493-1

**I, Pawan** Kumar S/o Sh. Sohan Lal R/o-S-244/105, Shiva-Camp, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, have changed my name to Pawan Singh. 040513461-2

**I, Parvaz** Ahmd S/o Mohd. Jamaluddin R/o-A-1082 Gali No.28 Shri Ram Colony Rajiv Nagar Khajuri Delhi-110094, changed my name to Parwez Ahmad. 040513514-2

**I, Parmanand** S/o Sh. Rishi Ram Kahnduri R/O 436, Block-1, Sector-6, Ambekdar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Parmanand Khanduri for all future purposes. 040513496-5

**I, Pardeep** Kumar S/o Sh. Balwan Singh R/o H.No.2A, K.H.No. 195/1, Village Kakrola, Delhi-78, have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar for all purposes. 040513522-1

**I, Nitten** R Sharma, S/O Shri.Raj Kumar Sharma R/O-21/293, Lodhi-Colony New-Delhi-110003, Have Changed My Name To Nitin Sharma. For All Purposes. 040513517-9

**I, Nilam** Mohan Shinde Spouse of No.15566294N HAV Sabale Sandip Suresh Resident of-At/Post-Ambawade (S.W.), Teh-Koregaon, Distt.- Satara, Maharashtra-415011 have changed my name from 'Nilam Mohan Shinde' to 'Nilam Sandip Sabale' vide affidavit dated 23/09/2019 before Delhi High Court. 040513230-1

**I, Neeraj** Kumar, S/O Sathnam Arora. Flate.No-K6, Parvanavihar-Apartment Plot No-52, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Have Changed My Name To Neeraj Arora. 040513528-1

**I, Nadeem** Ahmed S/O Wahid Hussain R/O-H-655 Ground-Floor Gali No.4 Gadda-Colony Delhi-110044 Have Changed My Name To Nadeem Ahmed. 040513499-6

**I, Mrs. Jasvinder** Kaur W/o Mr. Avtar Singh R/o H.No.129, Sultanpur Colony, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name from Jasvinder Kaur to Jasvinder Kaur for all future purposes. 040513441-1

**I, Mohd** Zubair S/o Mukhtar Ahmed R/o H.No-6365, Gali Jumman Wali, Quresh Nagar, Qasab Pura, Idgha Road, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed my name from Mohammad Zuber to Mohd Zubair for all future purposes. 040513462-1

**I, Mohammad** Faizan S/o Mohd Salim R/O-Z-27/C, DDA Flats New Ranjit Nagar New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Mohammad Faizan Khan. 040513455-1

**I, Minakshi** Rani W/o-Lalit Kalra R/O-H.No. 3D, Near SBI Bank, New Colony, Gurgaon-122001 have changed my name to Minakshi. 040513514-9

**I, Maya** Rawat, w/o Shri. Bhagwat Singh Rawat, R/O.H.No.2/6, Krishna-Nagar, New-Delhi-110051, declare that Maya Rawat and Maya are both names of mine and same person 040513517-2

**I, Manoj** Kumar S/O Moti Sao R/O-4326/59, Raigar-Pura, Gali No-59, KarolBagh, N.Delhi-110005, Changed My Name To Manoj Kumar Shaw. 040513514-3

**I, Manglesh** Kumar Thakur/Manglesh Thakur S/o-Lallan Thakur R/o-RZG-628A, Raj-Nagar-2, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi-110077, have Changed My Name to Mangleshwar Kumar Thakur. 040513461-10

**I, Mahesh** Chand Verma S/O Narayan Swaroop Verma R/O-H-32, Gulshan Vihar, Bhopura, Ghaziabad-201005, (U.P.) Have Changed my Name to Mahesh Verma. 040513499-2

**I, Lalaji** S/o Jagannath R/o-H.No.22, Village-Ainpur, Post-Babhanganwal, Sultanpur, UP, have changed my name to Lalji Gupta for all purposes. 040513514-10

**I, Kumari** Arpita, D/o Prafulla Kumar Senth, R/o-Room-No. 6A/02, Snc'o's Mess Air-Force Station, Race-Course New-Delhi-110003, HAVE changed my name, FROM Kumari Arpita to Arpita Sethi. Vide-Affidavit, Date-23-09-19. 040513517-10

**I, Komali** Kanamarlapudi alias Komali, W/o-Venkata Hari Prasad Gupta Bandaru, R/o-Flat. No-G-1106, BPTT-Princess Park, Sector-86, Faridabad-121001, have changed my name to Komali Bandaru. 040513514-8

**I, Khushi** Mahavar R/O B-44 Ground Floor, Mayfield Garden, Sector-50, Nirvana Country, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018 have changed my name to Khushi Mahavar. 070675577-1

**I, Kazi** Md Mudassar Mobin S/O Kazi Gulam Murtaza R/O-B-303, Taj-Enclave, Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031, Have Changed My Name To Mobin Kazi. 040513499-5

**I, Kavita** W/o Pramod Kumar Sharma R/o:H.No.326A, Gali.No.12, Sadr-Nagar, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi-110045, Have Changed My Name From Kavita/Kavita Sharma To Kavita Joshi, For All Future Purposes. 040513461-8

**I, KM** Neema D/o Hari Dutt R/o Khasra no. 268, Uttarkhand Enclave, Burari, Delhi 110084, I have changed my name from KM Neema to Neema Bhardwaj for all purposes. 040513461-1

**I, Juheh** Mohammad S/o Amar Singh R/o-Inderagadhi, Dasana Dehat, Ghaziabad, UP-201302, have changed my name to Juhav Permanently. 040513493-4

**I, Isha** D/o S. Narinder Singh R/o H.No.WZ-130A, 2nd Floor, Street No.6, Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Ikjas Kaur for all purposes. 040513449-1

**I, Iqra** Majai W/o Ubaid Ul Haque R/O-C-9, 2nd floor, Nizamuddin West, New Delhi, have changed my name to Iqra Ubaid for all purposes. 040513529-1

**I, Heena** Ahmed W/O Shakil Ahmed R/O-1199, Baradari-Phatak Habash Khan Behind Novelty-Cinema Delhi-110006, Have Changed My Name To Hina Ahmed. 040513528-3

**I, Hitherto** known as Shagun Arora, D/o Late. Ashok Kumar Arora Residing-At Flat-No-7, 3rd Floor, Cottage-Enclave, Prashant-Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Timsy Arora. 040513517-8

**I, Harish** Chandra S/O Shiv Dutt R/O-Rzn 15n Third-Floor Nanda-Block Mahavir Enclave Delhi-110045, Changed My Name To Harish Chander Joshi. 040513461-3

**I, Gobind** S/O Ram Singh R/O-128/11, Main Gali, Nehru Park, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar-124507, Have Changed My Name To Gobind Sawroop. 040513499-7

**I, Gaura** Devi Sharma D/o Hari Prasad Sharma W/O, Bhanu Prakash Dixit R/O-A-164, Gali No.-4, Kabir Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-94 have changed my name to Gauri Dixit. 040513528-6

**I, Gagandeep** D/o Late. Wattan Chand W/O Davinder Singh R/o-RZF 1/340, Gali.No-3, Mahavir Enclave, Near Palam Village, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Suman Kumari for all future purposes. 040513538-1

**I, G.N.** Mishra, S/O P.C. Mishra R/o-Unique Apartment, Flat.No-14, Sector-13, Rohini Delhi-85, changed my name to Girija Nand Mishra, for all purposes. 040513514-1

**I, Fozi** Masood W/O Masood Ahmed R/O-7074, First-Floor Beri Wala-Bagh Aza Market Delhi-110006, Have Changed My Name Tojamila Khatoun. 040513528-4

**I, Farhan** S/o-Mohammad Ahmad R/o H.No.870, Gali-Kinare-wali, Chandni-Mahal, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002, changed my name to Farhan Ahmed, for all purposes. 040513514-6

**I, Faizan** S/o Late Mohd. Awaiz Ansari R/o-2185/8A1, Guru Arjun Dev Nagar, Shadipur, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Md Faizaan Ansari For all future purposes. 040513453-4

**I, Charanjeet** Sharma, S/O-Balmukund Sharma R/O-4/151 old-tezab mill, bholanath-nagar, shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Charanjeet Parashar, for all purposes. 040513517-4

**I, Bhagwat** Singh Rawat, s/o Shri. Anand Singh Rawat, R/O.H.No.2/6, Krishna-Nagar, New-Delhi-110051., inform that Bhagwat Singh Rawat and Bhagwat Singh are both names are mine and same person. 040513517-3

**I, Arshad** Mirza, S/O Dr HAB Mirza born on 29 October 1982 residing at Kentucky USA, have changed my name to Arsh Singh vide court order 18-P-01180 dated August 17, 2018, at Lexington, Kentucky, USA. 0505155683-1

**I, Aqil** Rashid R/o B-88 B-89, Top Floor, Anand Floor, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi 110059 have changed my name to Aqil Rashid 070675586-1

**I, Anita** Devi W/o Shri Kishan Mohan R/O H. No. -2400A/1, Gali No.-19, New Ranjeet Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name from Manju Devi to Anita Devi for all future purposes. 040513559-1

**I, Anand** Singh Latwal S/o Pan Singh R/O E-61 Nehru Enclave Near Mini Stadium Alipur Delhi-110036 inform that Anand Singh Latwal and Anand Singh is same person. 040513461-7

**I, Alka** W/o Amit Kumar Rajora R/O RZF.77/19 Gali No.13 Raj-Nagar Part-II Palam-Colony ND-45 changed my name to Alka Singh. 040513461-4

**I, Akhileshwar** Prasad S/o Sukut Shah R/O H.-B-135, B-58, Rama-Road, New-Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Akleshwar permanently. 040513517-7

**I, Abid** Hussain S/o Mr. Abdul Hakem R/O D-17, Haji Colony, Ghaffar Manzil-II, New Delhi-110025 have changed my minor son's name from Md Zubair Abid to MOHD ZUBAIR for all future purposes. 040513458-2

**I, Hitherto** known as Jayesh Sanjaya Rastogi alias Jayesh Rastogi S/O Sanjaya Rastogi residing at F-6, Associated Apartments, 83 I Extension, Patparganj, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jayesh Rastogi. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 040513503-1

**I, Hitherto** known as Mr. Arun Vasudevan Nair D/o-Vasudevan Nair R/o-F-Block, 19, New-Number-125, Gali.no.6 East Vinod-Nagar, Mandawali, Delhi-110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ms. Parvati Nair. 040513461-9

**I, Vijayalakshmi** W/o-Kandamangalam Subramanian Chandrashekar R/O-G-302 Plot.No.12 Udoyog-Vihar CGHS-LTD Sector-22, Dwarka New-Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Vijaya Lakshmi. 040513552-5

**I, Shanti** Devi W/O, Lt. Rohtash R/O Hn-613 Gali No-13 Swami Shradhanand Nand Colony have changed my name to Santosh for all purposes. 040513539-1

**I, Satpal** Singh S/o Ram Swaroop R/O-878/27 Ward.No-6 Peelkhana Mehrauli New Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Satpal Malik.. 040513552-4

**I, Sanjeev** Kumar S/o Satpal Malik R/O-878/27 Ward.No-6 Peelkhana Mehrauli New Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Sanjeev Malik. 040513552-3

**I, Niti** Dudeja D/o Santosh Kumar Dudeja R/o H. No. 3-D/15, NIT-3, Faridabad (HR) have changed my name from Niti Dudeja to Neeti Dudeja for all future Purposes. 040513528-5

**I, Nirmal** Kaur Gandhi W/o Vivek Prasad R/O E1101, Suncity Heights, Suncity, Sector-54, Gurgaon-122009 have changed my name to Nimmi Prasad for all purposes. 040513461-6

**I, Sehenaj** W/O Mohd Umar R/O-545, Kabir-Basti Malkaganj Subzi-Mandi Delhi-110007, Have Changed My Name To Sehenaz. 040513528-2

**I, Maninder** Sharma W/o Sanjeev Sharma R/o-D-2/257 Vasant Kunj New Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Maninder Virdi. 040513552-1

**I, Lokesh** Kumar S/o Gyan Chandra Pal R/o Sector122, Parthia Khandanpur, Noida, Guatham Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, PIN- 201301 Have Pradedh MyName To Lokesh Pal For All Purposes. 0070675551-1

**I, Lalita** W/o Sanjeev Malik R/O-878/27 Ward.No-6 Peelkhana Mehrauli New Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Lalita Malik. 040513552-2

**I, Gaurav** Kumar S/o Ajay Kumar R/O.1038 Sector-8 Noida-201301, Inform that my Father's Name is wrongly mentioned in my Educational certificate as Ajay Kumar Pavarcha instead of Ajay Kumar. Have changed my name Gaurav to Gaurav Kumar for all future purposes. 040513489-1

**I, Ashok** Kumar Verma S/o Shyam Sunder Verma R/o WZ-485/10-B Basai Darapur Delhi-15, have changed my name to Ashok Soni. 040513499-8

**I, Seema** Jain W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o.A-3/38, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Neelam Jain. 040513496-1

**I, Sunil** Babu Singha S/o.Sh. Nikunja Singha R/O Village-Dhalpukhuri, P/O-Padum Pukhuri, P.S-Hojai, Dist-Nogaon/Hojai, Assam have, declare that in my service record my daughter name wrongly written as Shanuya Devi instead of her correct name Sania Devi. In future she will known as Sania Devi for all purposes. 040513493-3

**I, Rupamati** W/o Ramesh Kumar, R/O Village-Jharsa, Distt-Gurugram, have changed my name from Rupamati to Roopwati for all purposes vide affidavit no.No.IN-DL5008060627277R dated 04 sep.2019. 040511744-10

**I, Raghubir** Singh Gosain S/o Gopi Singh Gosain R/O A-30A, Second Floor, Shivaji Vihar, Janta Colony, New Delhi affirms that both Raghubir Singh Gosain and Raghubir Singh are one and the same person. 040513186-1

**I, Km.** Rakhee Mishra W/O Niraj Pandey R/O C-1/79, GaliNo.2, Welcome, Seelampur, Delhi-110053, Changed My Name To Rakhi Pandey. 040513108-6

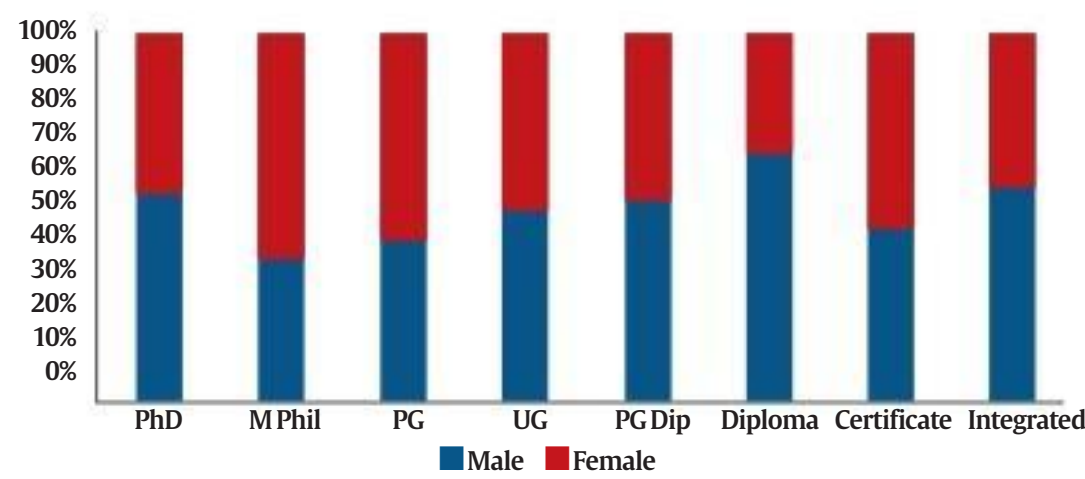
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TELLING NUMBERS

In higher learning, the gender breakup in courses and states



THE ALL India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2018-19, aspects of which were reported in *The Indian Express* on Sunday, looks at, among other aspects, the gender distribution of students enrolled in various higher education courses in the country. The total estimated student enrolment in the country is 3,73,99,388, out of whom nearly 51.36% are male and the remaining 48.64% are female.

Course levels

The gender ratio is higher on the male side in most courses, but there are exceptions — female enrolment is higher at MPhil, postgraduate and certificate levels. Enrolment at undergraduate level is 51% male and 49% female, while diploma has a highly skewed distribution at 66.8% male and 33.2% female. At PhD level, male enrolment is 56.18% and female enrolment is 43.82%. At integrated level, the distribution 57.50% male and 42.50% female. PG Diploma student enrolment is 54.09% male and 45.91% female.

The states

A higher overall share of male students in enrolment is a trend also in most of the states. The top six states in terms of total student enrolment — Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Karnataka — account for 54.23% of the total enrolment in India. The female students in these states represent

54.43% of the female students across India, and the male students in these six states account for 54.05% of the male students across India.

In Uttar Pradesh, with the highest student enrolment in India, male students account for 49.30%. Maharashtra, with the second highest student enrolment, has 54.95% male and 45.05% female students. Tamil Nadu has 50.87% male and 49.13% female, West Bengal has 50.37% male and 49.63% female students, Karnataka has 50.04% female students, and Rajasthan has more male students than female students.

Student categories

SC student enrolment is 14.89% of the total enrolment and the male-female ratio is more or less similar to that of all categories. Students belonging to the ST category constitute 5.53% of the total student enrolment; here again, the male-female ratio is similar to the overall national ratio. Among OBC students, who constitute 36.34% of the total number of students, 50.83% are male.

In the minority category, data on Muslims were collected separately. The survey found that 5.23% students belong to Muslim minority and 2.32% to other minority communities. Among Muslims, there more male students than female, whereas among other minorities, there are more female students than male.

STATES WITH HIGHEST ENROLMENT

State	Male students	Male %	Female students	Female %
Uttar Pradesh	31,89,520	49.30%	32,79,847	50.70%
Maharashtra	23,24,424	54.95%	19,05,902	45.05%
Tamil Nadu	17,36,870	50.87%	16,77,326	49.13%
West Bengal	10,56,511	50.37%	10,40,899	49.63%
Rajasthan	10,82,466	51.93%	10,01,947	48.07%
Karnataka	9,93,417	49.96%	9,95,077	50.04%

GENDER DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY

Category	Students	Male	Female
Scheduled Castes	55,67,078	50.94%	49.06%
Scheduled Tribes	2,067,748	50.88%	29.12%
OBCs	1,35,91,994	50.83%	49.17%
Muslims	19,59,004	50.71%	49.29%
Other minorities	8,68,100	45.75%	54.25%
Persons with disability	85,877	56.14%	43.86%

Source: AISHE 2018-19

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HOME MINISTER Amit Shah's Hindi Diwas (September 14) call for "one language" for all of India triggered protests. Shah said that while it was natural to have a difference of opinion on the official language of a Union as diverse as India, the founding fathers of the Constitution had evaluated all arguments in the Constituent Assembly and agreed unanimously to have Hindi as the "Raj Bhasha".

It was almost exactly 70 years ago, between September 12 and September 14, 1949, that the Constituent Assembly of India discussed the language question.

President Rajendra Prasad underlined the great importance and sensitivity of the debate: "Even if we (get) a proposition passed by majority, if it does not meet with the approval of any considerable section of people..., the implementation of the Constitution will become a most difficult problem".

These are edited excerpts of what some of the members of the Constituent Assembly said. Many of their arguments are echoed in India even today.

**N GOPALASWAMI AYYANGAR** presented the initial draft and the first amendment. It said Hindi in Devanagari script should be the official language, but English should be used for at least 15 years.

**SETH GOVIND DAS** argued that Hindi should replace English at the earliest. "Democracy can only function when majority opinion is honoured... We have accepted our country to be a secular State but we never thought that that acceptance implied the acceptance of the continued existence of heterogeneous cultures... We do not want it to be said that there are two cultures here."

**NAZIRUDDIN AHMAD**, by contrast, cautioned: "We should not make a declaration of an All India language all at once. English should continue... till a time when an All India language is evolved, which will be capable of expressing the thoughts and ideas on various subjects, scientific, mathematical, literary, historical, philosophical, political..."

**MOHD HIFZUR RAHMAN** argued for replacing Hindi with Hindustani, the language that Mahatma Gandhi favoured. The clamour for Hindi was "the reaction of the Partition" — "in this state of grief and anger... they are showing their narrow-mindedness against a particular community. They want to settle the language question in the atmosphere of political bigotry..."

**R V DHULEKAR** presented a forceful



Jawaharlal Nehru and some other members of the Constituent Assembly of India during one of the early sittings of the Assembly. *Archive*

counter-argument: "...I belong to Indian nation, the Hindi Nation, the Hindu Nation, the Hindustani Nation. I do not know why you say it is not the National Language. I shudder at the idea that our universities, schools and colleges, and our scientists should, even after the attainment of Swaraj, have to continue to work in the English language..."

**FRANK ANTHONY** cautioned that the Hindi that was being imposed was very different from the one that common people spoke. "In this present fanatical movement a new kind of Hindi which is unintelligible to the Hindi speaking Hindu in the street..., a highly Sanskritised Hindi will be imposed..."

**QAZI SYED KARIMUDDIN** pitched for Hindustani: "Why you are denying the Muslims their rights by banning Urdu script? You have got a majority so you are trying to ban it completely — to finish it... Only that language in which both Hindus and Muslims easily express themselves, i.e. Hindustani, should be made the national language."

**LAKSHMINARAYAN SAHU** argued for Hindi being made the national language. "I can also claim the same status for Oria, which is far more ancient than Bengali... Some people are so much enamoured of English that they think they would lose their very existence if English is not used as the official language..."

**N V GADGIL** on the other hand, said Sanskrit should be the national language, and English should be retained "for at least one century more". Hindi, he said, is a provincial

SIMPLY PUT

The debate over status of Hindi

Many of today's assertions and apprehensions about the alleged imposition of Hindi over the rest of India were also heard in the Constituent Assembly, which discussed this question over seven decades ago

also from other sister languages of India..." **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU** recalled Gandhi's views on this question. One, "while English is a great language (that) has done us a lot of good, no nation can become great on the basis of a foreign language". Two, the chosen language should be "more or less a language of the people, not a language of a learned coterie". And three, "this language should represent the composite culture of India".

Nehru, however, cautioned against imposing Hindi on all of India's peoples. In the speeches of "the enthusiasts for Hindi", he said, he had detected "a tone of authoritarianism, very much a tone of the Hindi-speaking area being the centre of things in India, the centre of gravity, and others being just the fringes of India". This, Nehru said, was "not only an incorrect approach, but ...a dangerous approach".

**PANDIT RAVI SHANKAR SHUKLA** of the Central Provinces and Berar argued that Hindi is prevalent "almost everywhere", and should "be made the common language throughout India". He advised "friends from the South" to "learn Hindi as early as possible".

**G DURGAJAI** of Madras expressed "shock" at the way Hindi in Devanagari script was being pushed. Giving "a national character to what is purely a provincial language is responsible for embittering the feelings of the non-Hindi speaking people", she said.

**SHANKARRAO DEO** of Bombay warned that "one culture" has "dangerous implications". "The Chief of the RSS appeals in the name of culture. Some Congressmen also appeal in the name of culture. Nobody tells us what exactly this word 'culture' means. Today, as it is interpreted and understood, it only means the domination of the few over the many... To me it means the killing of the soul of India." India stood for "*vividhata*", Deo said.

**MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD** expressed disappointment that the Congress had given up its consensus on Hindustani: "It was this narrow-mindedness... which had buried the glory and advancement of ancient India in the darkness of gloom... Of all the arguments employed against Hindustani, greatest emphasis has been laid on the point that if Hindustani is accepted then Urdu also will have to be accommodated. But Urdu is one of the Indian Languages. It was born and bred and brought up in India and it is the mother tongue of millions of Hindus and Muslims of this country."

(WITH SHYAMLAL YADAV)

Longer version of the Constituent Assembly debate on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

How AWS lets users keep data within India

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AS INDIA starts conversations on whether companies should keep more of their critical data within India, companies like Amazon Web Services (AWS) have started offering the option of choosing to keep the data within the boundaries of India. A number of private companies, public sector institutions and even state governments have started opting for this.

**But how does Amazon Web Services, the world's leading vendor of public cloud services, manage its data centres spread across the world?**

To start with, it divides its services into its 22 regions around the world, one of which is Mumbai. Within each region, AWS has

multiple availability zones, each basically a collection of one or more data centres. Overall, a region is a collection of three or more availability zones — Amazon does not share the number of data centres around Mumbai.

"In India, we have three availability zones. We ensure that each availability zone is independently fault tolerant," Manav Sehgal, head of solutions architecture at Amazon Web Services, explained to *The Indian Express*. Within the availability zone, AWS ensures that risks like floods are taken into consideration. So if one data centre faces any risk of flooding, the other should have lower risk of flooding. Each availability zone is connected with a very



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high speed 'dark fibre' connectivity.

Where are these data centres?

"We don't share exact location. Even I don't know the exact location," said Sehgal,

explaining how Amazon follows the "principle of least privilege", of the "first principle of security". "So if I, as a senior executive, don't need to know where my data centre is, I should not know. If we tell everyone where the data centres are, then that becomes a threat for all our customers," he said.

Can the customer choose where to keep data?

The customer gets the choice to store data within India or choose to move it outside. This can be done from the AWS console itself by selecting the region. "Customers for whom data sovereignty or data residency within India is important, like government customers, keep it in the Mumbai region," Sehgal said.

First in pollution control: how Surat industries will trade particulate matter

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LAST WEEK, the Gujarat government launched what is being described as the world's first market for trading in particulate matter emissions. While trading mechanisms for pollution control do exist in many parts of the world, none of them is for particulate matter emissions. For example, the CDM (carbon development mechanism) under the Kyoto Protocol allows trade in 'carbon credits'; the European Union's Emission Trading System is for greenhouse gas emission; and India has a scheme run by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency that enables trading in energy units.

How will the Gujarat scheme work?

Launched in Surat, the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is a regulatory tool that is aimed at reducing the pollution load in an area and at the same time minimising the cost of compliance for the industry. ETS is a market in which the traded commodity is particulate matter emissions. The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) sets a cap

on the total emission load from all industries. Various industries can buy and sell the ability to emit particulate matter, by trading permits (in kilograms) under this cap. For this reason, ETS is also called a cap-and-trade market.

How many industrial units are participating in ETS?

Live trading began last Tuesday, with 88 industries taking part in the first round out of 155 that have joined ETS so far. Emission permits worth Rs 2.78 lakh were traded. These industries are from sectors including textiles, chemicals and sugar, and spread over an area of 50-30 sq km. These industries use either coal or bagasse (residue after juice is extracted from sugarcane) as fuel, thus emitting a high amount of ash. The participants were selected on the basis of the size of their chimneys — those with a diameter of 24 inches or more. "So most of the participants are larger players," said N M Tabhani, member secretary of GPCB.

Why was Surat chosen for the scheme?

In the last five years, the quality of air in Surat has deteriorated. In 2013, when the

project was conceptualised, the PM10 level at Air India Building in Surat was 86 micrograms per cubic metre. According to GPCB annual reports, pollution levels have increased between 120-220 per cent, with PM10 in 2018 reaching 189 µg/cu. m at Air India Building, 282 µg/cu. m at Sachin Industrial Estate and 261 µg/cu. m at Garden Silk Mills. Surat was chosen because its industrial associations agreed to run the pilot scheme, said officials associated with the project. Also, industries in Surat had already installed Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems, which makes it possible to estimate the mass of particulate matter being released.

How does the trading take place?

At the beginning of every one-month compliance period (during which one emission permit is valid), 80 per cent of the total cap of 280 tonnes for that period is distributed free to all participant units. These permits are allocated based on an industry's emission sources (boilers, heaters, generators) as this determines the amount of particulate matter emitted. GPCB will offer the remaining 20 per cent of the permits during

the first auction of the compliance period, at a floor price of Rs 5 per kilogram. Participating units may buy and sell permits among each other during the period. The price is not allowed to cross a ceiling of Rs 100 per kilogram or fall below Rs 5 per kg, both of which may be adjusted after a review. On Tuesday, GPCB put out 55,993 permits, of which 55,614 were traded.

How are the auctions conducted?

These take place on the ETS-PM trading platform hosted by the National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange e-Markets Limited (NeML). All participants must register a trading account with NeML. Transactions are linked to the bank accounts of the users, who can view updates through these accounts.

There are two types of auctions. In the Uniform Price Auction every Tuesday between 3 and 5 pm, the week's permit price is discovered by participating members through bidding. Second, there is a continuous market between Wednesday and Monday (2 pm to 5 pm) where members will buy and sell permits whose prices were fixed on Tuesday.

For a true-up period of 2-7 days before the completion of the compliance period, units may continue to buy and sell any remaining permits at the final auction price to meet their compliance obligations.

How will ETS help reduce emissions?

"Industries in this area are emitting way above [the cap] at 362 tonnes per month. To bring them down to 280 will be a huge reduction. In the future this cap may be reduced below 280 tonnes," said Gargi Goswami, a research associate at Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) with its global office at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, J-PAL, along with Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago in India, and NeML and South Gujarat Textile Processors Association are partners in the ETS project.

"These permits are not a way to allow industries to keep polluting. Purchasing permits is only an interim measure for many of these units who find it financially difficult to install air pollution control measures. In other words it helps you buy some time and make investments later. So the idea of this scheme is also to make sure that some units

realise that it is cheaper to install APCM and reduce emissions rather than buy permits at a higher cost that will vary due to the bidding process," Goswami said.

Will there be a punitive action for non-compliance?

Based on permits held by units at the close of the compliance and true-up periods, units will be declared compliant or non-compliant. An environmental damage compensation at Rs 200/kg will be imposed for emissions in excess of a unit's permit holdings at the end of the compliance period. This amount will be deducted from an environmental damage compensation deposit that each unit has to submit before the start of the scheme — Rs 2 lakh for small units, Rs 3 lakh for medium ones and Rs 10 lakh for large units. After any deduction, a unit will have to deposit extra money to meet that shortfall.

To prevent any participant from hoarding permits, an upper limit has been set — 1.5 times the initial allocation for the compliance period, or 3 per cent of the market cap for the compliance period. Also, no unit may sell more than 90 per cent of its initial allocation.





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## BROTHERS IN ARMS

For PM Modi, President Trump, Indian-American community is an important constituency and a diplomatic bridge

ENGAGING ACTIVELY WITH the Indian diaspora has been a hallmark of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign policy, and the BJP's ideology, since 2014. In almost every official foreign trip, PM Modi has interacted with the local Indian community. The event in Houston on Sunday was significantly larger than the others of its kind, including the two previous such interactions in the US. And while the diaspora has thrived across the globe, they are much better integrated in the English-speaking world. The US, as a nation of immigrants, has more readily embraced talented Indians and at the same time, the organisation and mobilisation of hyphenated Americans is quite common. But even given this context, there is a great significance to the "Howdy Modi" event. The audience at the NRG stadium — 50,000 strong — was the largest any foreign leader has drawn other than the Pope. The PM displayed his ability to connect with an audience, to speak of India to Indians abroad. And it is the first time an American president has joined a visiting leader at a diaspora event. As one of the wealthiest and fastest-growing minorities in the US, Indian-Americans are increasingly influential in US society and politics. And as a group drawn from the Indian middle classes, they are an important bridge to the US for India.

For Modi, there is a tactical calculus behind the event. The grand show is a way of mobilising the diaspora for India's national development as well as a vehicle to further New Delhi's diplomatic goals. The aim also appears to be to generate support outside the country for the PM's political moves and those of his party, such as the erosion of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, its bifurcation and downgrading to a Union Territory. For Trump, who is running for re-election, the event was about reaching out to the large Indian-American community. This convergence of interests of the two leaders is being framed as a celebration of the Indo-US relationship and as a basis for expanding common ground and overcoming thorny bilateral issues like the trade imbalance.

However, the bonhomie between the President and the Prime Minister did not hide some of the downsides that emerged from the event. Modi seemed close to crossing the red line on intervening in US domestic politics when he nearly endorsed Trump's re-election — "ab ki baar, Trump sarkar," he said. He was also unable to resist the temptation of criticising Pakistan, albeit indirectly. On the other hand, while Trump talked of combating radical Islamic terror and India's border security, New Delhi cannot ignore Trump's recent outreach to Imran Khan. President Trump continues to have a stake in the development of the US-Pakistan relationship and the outcome of his meeting with Khan in New York may not necessarily please Modi. On a positive note, the prime minister's decision to highlight India's pluralism as an intrinsic part of its identity is a welcome assertion, given that Home Minister Amit Shah's statements on immigration and language policy recently engendered widespread fears of India's monochromatisation under the present government.

## EYE ON REVENUE

Rationalisation and simplification of GST may have to wait following the corporate tax cuts

THE GST COUNCIL meeting in Goa last week was overshadowed by the finance minister's announcement of a steep cut in corporate tax and a few other changes in direct taxes to counter the slowdown and to revive business sentiment. The corporate tax break naturally eliminated the chance of a cut in GST rates sought by the automobile industry, now facing its worst slump in decades, and the FMCG sector. The fitment committee with representatives from both states and the Centre was not convinced by the industry's arguments and chose to reject their demand considering the revenue implications.

Given the state of the economy and below par revenue collections, rate cuts by the GST Council were modest this time with the lowering of tariffs for hotel rooms and out-door catering, to provide a boost to the tourism industry, rate cuts on precious and semi-precious stones besides zero tax on jewellery exports and a hike in caffeinated beverages. But over two years after the introduction of GST, there is much to worry for both the Union government and states. System-related issues still persist, reflected in the absence verification of statements of sales and purchases or invoice matching and leading to claims of huge input tax credit set offs and charges of shell companies being formed to beat the taxman. The delay in unveiling a revised return and a relatively softer enforcement mechanism in many states could be costly in terms of maximisation of revenues. The other major concern now is the grand bargain of a compensation to states spread over five years to persuade them to buy into the new regime. With the growth slowdown, what that implies is pressure on the Centre to ensure that the compensation cess and funds are adequate.

In the current scenario, it is clear that states will not accept any suggestion to lower the compensation structure, especially after last week's direct tax cuts amounting to Rs 1.45 lakh crore. The tax cuts impact states too since it will eat into their share of the tax pool. What all these signal is that the wait for rationalisation of rates or a simplified two or three tier structure may have to be longer.

## PACKING A PUNCH

Amit Panghal's historic World Championship silver points to a new spring in Indian boxing

AFTER DECADES SPENT looking on through the ropes from the ringside, Indian boxing announced itself to the Olympics with a stinging 1-2 combination. Vijender Singh opened country's account with a bronze in Beijing, Mary Kom followed suit with one at London. Then came a body blow. The national body was suspended, and Indian boxing keeled over. During an Olympic cycle when the breakout performances should've bred more contenders, the sport floundered. After the nadir of a disastrous campaign in Rio, the formation of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) in 2016 has brought about a revival, the latest chapter of which is Amit Panghal's historic World Championship silver, the first for an Indian in the men's category.

The revival, however, is about more than just the medals. The health of Indian boxing can be gauged by the talent pool, especially in the men's section. Another indicator is the large net being cast. The Bhiwani Boxing Club served as a conveyor belt for long, but the sport has moved beyond Haryana. Along with the Northeastern states, it remains the cradle, but pockets are opening up in Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The Services team deserves credit as well for shaping six of the eight boxers who competed at the Worlds in Russia. State-of-the-art training facilities such as the Army Sports Institute in Pune and competent coaches are further bringing India on par with several powerhouses.

But the Worlds is not enough. Glory remains reserved for Olympic medalists, and the ultimate test will be in Tokyo next year. India's Olympic plans have again been dented, the culprit this time being the suspended world body, and the postponed qualifiers. Not all is well in the federation too, issues owing to India's sporting culture. The image-conscious stars are still protected, and occasional lack of transparency is frustrating. Next month's World Championships could also be the reality check for women. One thing though is for certain: This is not a false dawn.

# Houston, we have a spectacle



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

Modi-Trump event is a window to the politics of our times: They have sold the thrill of power and prejudice

THE MODI-TRUMP spectacle at Houston is a window to the politics of our times. Such a spectacle has its ethical dangers. But in purely political terms, it cannot be judged by our conventional categories. We can worry about whether the claims made so resoundingly by Narendra Modi and Donald Trump fit the reality on the ground. But politics is not about correspondence with truth; it is about tapping into anxieties and making people believe. We might believe that there are red lines where international politics should not get entangled with domestic partisanship. But those conventions were blurred even in the last US election, by Benjamin Netanyahu and Vladimir Putin. We might scream morality and human rights. But those have always been precarious things. Now there is such contempt for them that they are not even the currency of hypocrisy. Forget convention. Houston was about new forms of power. Modi's immediate goal was to show the world that India stands with him; and India that the US stands with it. Pakistan was cut to size. But, beyond immediate politics, Houston was also an expression of a larger politics. What are its elements?

Modi's political alchemy has always consisted of the fact that he does two things simultaneously. He projects leadership and resolve. But in his liturgy he also artfully stands in as the representative of the nation; he constantly produces that identification. For instance, in this narrative, the abrogation of Article 370 does not become an act of his government, it becomes the will of the Indian people which he carries. One can criticise a government. But who would dare indict the Indian people for their choices? These rallies in the overseas context make this identification between him and the nation easier.

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blown rhetoric; we can be suspicious of his invocation of diversity. But he understands that the power of the image and the gesture far outlives the mundaneness of reality: What are the real sufferings of the few compared to vicarious thrills of the many? The abiding image of India's power that will matter politically will not be its trade statistics. It will be the Indian prime minister leading in taking the American president's hand and making him do a round in a homage to the power of the Indian community. We may decry this as illusory politics. But we still do not have a political vocabulary to disrupt this spectacle.

Modi is not shy of thinking of the diaspora as a possible unified force in world politics. There is a curious irony here: While so many Indians used to worry that membership in assorted transnational communities like the umma are a threat to the nation state, Hindu nationalism sees ethnicity as a fundamental transnational force, an identification that survives the partitions of nationality and citizenship. At this geopolitical juncture, there is the belief that transnational ethnic identification does not conflict with national citizenship. So, an assertive celebration of trans-ethnic identification in this form is not seen as jeopardising the claims of citizenship.

In the case of the Indian diaspora in America, this is made easier by the India-US alignment. For the last decade or so, there has been the belief that India and the US are in the following relationship: They will often have tough transactional issues to negotiate, from trade to Iran. But the fundamental dynamics of the relationship now converge to a deep alignment, especially on security and defence matters. There is the contingent alignment in the fact that both Trump and Modi have contempt for open societies and freedom. There was something chilling about the triumphalism of the moment of an alliance against Islamic extremism, shorn of any geopolitical nuance. It signalled less a resolve to tackle a real problem effectively, and more a determination to find an enemy against whom to consolidate identity, with a crowd cheering on.

But the fundamental dynamic of the Indian relationship transcends political parties. It has grown deeper by the fact that cur-

rently there is a bipartisan consensus on the gravity of the China challenge. What the India-US bonhomie does vis-à-vis China is an open question. India's hope has always been that alignment with the US does not close more doors with China; in fact, it leverages them open. But these waters will be tested now. But Houston was the most spectacularly public and visible ideological affirmation of that alignment. There are no China doves left in Washington. At least in relation to the US, this gives India a lot of head room. It probably underlies the confidence that even if the rally seems to shade into a partisan endorsement of Trump, it will have no implications for relationships with the Democrats.

How will this play out in US domestic politics? That will depend on two things. India has sold the narrative that Kashmir has been in dire straits for the last 70 years. Even if there is a short-term crackdown, the long-term consequence will be much improved conditions for Kashmiris. But this promise is yet to be redeemed. All the signs are that it will not be. Second, we are probably underestimating the "Leftward" turn in American politics, especially in Congress. Unlike in India, where the Right has now produced total dominance, US politics is more deeply contested, and the negative effects of throwing a lot with a manifest endorsement of Trump are not entirely trivial.

But while these concerns are valid, the lead up to the Houston event demonstrated the one advantage, Modi and even Trump have. They are not constrained, literally, by anything. A few months ago, the press was full of their lack of personal chemistry. Now, they are ideological blood brothers. On the economy, Modi can change policy tack with alacrity to change the narrative. That gives them the confidence that there is always a next move, a next spectacle available to them. They play politics spectacularly, in an emotion that elevates those who participate. They have sold the thrill of power and prejudice over the sweetness of freedom and openness. And at the moment we are buying it.

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## A LEGACY OF SERVICE

B N Yugandhar was anti-hierarchical, an inspiration to young bureaucrats



MALOVIKA PAWAR

"YOU KNOW, looking back, you will not remember who the cabinet secretary was when you were a young officer, but you will always remember who your director was at the Academy." As I woke up to the sad news that B N Yugandhar is no more, I saw the truth in his words — born out of his two long stints at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, where he was responsible for training probationers and preparing them for the challenges that lay ahead.

For me, the loss feels very personal. I worked with him as a young officer, when he was Secretary, Rural Development, and later in the PMO, when he was secretary to two PMs — P V Narasimha Rao and H D Deve Gowda.

His was a life of inveterate do-gooding, and being in a position of great power in the PMO meant that he could push initiatives faster and further. To this end, he selected his foot soldiers well — young officers eager to deliver outcomes. In the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), he selected seven of us from the 1982 batch of the IAS. "My '82 Mafia," he called us.

Yugandhar could be a demanding boss. On my first day at the PMO, he said: "Here, we expect zero-error notes. After all, these are briefing notes for the PM. The staff is only there to physically hand over the related pa-

pers. You initiate the note, you do the research, you talk to the ministries. Remember: A zero-error note". While being the kindest of men, he did not suffer fools lightly. His default manner of talking was acerbic, laced with sarcasm and humour. He was a sharp dresser, fond of his Arrow shirts, and enjoyed chilled beer at the IIC. About his heavy smoking, he would cough, rasp and then chuckle, as he said: "My doctor says that given my life-long smoking, I am statistically dead!"

Yugandhar was a prolific reader and his taste was eclectic. In the PMO, he kept a copy of Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations* on his desk and read a few pages in between meetings. He waxed lyrical about Gopinath Mohanty's *Paraja* and advised me to read this haunting story of the decline in fortune of a tribesman of the Paraja tribe in the hills of Orissa.

You might wonder how a director with merely 14 years in the service could have this kind of access to an officer of his seniority and stature. This was because he was fundamentally unconcerned about status, rank or seniority. He was a man of blunt opinions, and he appreciated this in others. I always found him to be determinedly anti-hierarchical.

Many may not know that the National Social Assistance Programme, launched in 1995 as India's umbrella programme for

National Old Age Pensions, the Widow and Disability Pension in addition to other benefits, was very much Yugandhar's idea and initiative. While making a passionate case for protective social security for the poor, he would quote the late S Guhan, doyen of development studies in India: "For old-age pensions, I challenge anyone of you to give me an alternative. Can we do without pensions? Can we prevent old age?"

He once told me with infinite regret: "As a young officer, I was poor and couldn't do much for my parents. When I came back from my ESCAP posting (in Bangkok), I felt like a rich man. I wanted to buy things, buy curtains for my father's house. But by that time, he was too old. These things meant nothing to him. The moment had passed."

In 1994, while he was serving in the MoRD, I asked him about his son. He replied in an off-hand way: "Oh, he is one of Bill Gates' boys." Twenty years later, in 2014, as the news broke of his son's elevation to CEO of Microsoft, I wrote to congratulate him. He responded with a brief thanks. Nothing further was said.

So, it is goodbye to the man, but also to the world he moved in and the values he represented. It feels very much like a yuganta, his passing. Godspeed, sir.

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## SEPTEMBER 24, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIA IMPROVES RANK INDIA, DESPITE ITS problems, emerges in the latest annual report of the World Bank as a country which made solid gains in 1979 although the popular perception is that the Morarji Desai government took the country downhill. For the Indian economy, says the report, fiscal 1979 was another prosperous year. Overall economic growth is tentatively estimated at three to four per cent after seven per cent the year before. Four consecutive years of healthy growth have now occurred accompanied by a significant rise in per capita incomes. Total savings and fixed investments have also increased in relation to income, the report states.

EYE ON PSUS PRIME MINISTER CHARAN Singh has asked his cabinet colleagues to closely monitor the public sector units and ensure that their profitability improves during the year. In a letter to his colleagues looking after the economy, steel, commerce, industry, transport and shipping ministries, Singh has said that the government is deeply concerned at the poor performance by many state-run units. He also stressed the need of their generating financial surplusses so that the fight against inflation can be more meaningfully carried forward. He urged that every public sector unit should put in extra efforts to improve their production and profitability.

LESS ASIANS IN UK THE TORY GOVERNMENT appears determined to cut down drastically the number of Asians entitled to come and settle down in the UK as British citizens. A committee report, leaked by a section of the UK press, says that the number of Asian immigrants with British passports should be reduced from 20,000 to 4,000 each year. This means that those affected by the recommendations would include elderly parents and children over 18 who have not yet been allowed to come here. Husbands and fiancées of British women would also not automatically be allowed in. Restrictions would also be imposed on the labour who come here on yearly permit.





# Leaning on the states

Defence is a national public good. It is the primary responsibility of the Centre



M GOVINDA RAO

THE AMENDMENT TO the terms of reference (TOR) issued to the Fifteenth Finance Commission asking it to examine “...a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up and if so, how such a mechanism could be operationalised,” has triggered some suggestions on the need to have a relook at the assignment system and redesign of centrally sponsored schemes (CSS). In an interesting article, Bibek Debroy (*IE*, September 22) rightly states that the Seventh Schedule is not cast in stone and that if the Union government is required to contribute to CSS in the State List, why should states not contribute to items in the Union List like defence. He also states that any restructuring/rationalisation of the CSS requires a relook at the Seventh Schedule and that this must be done with consultation with the states in an appropriate forum. These suggestions are important and need to be discussed in some detail.

Clearly, the Constitution (except fundamental rights) and, more particularly, the Seventh Schedule is not cast in stone. There have been as many as 103 amendments so far including a few in the Seventh Schedule. In fact, Article 368 provides for the amendment by introducing the bill in either house and passing it with a majority of the total membership of the house and at least two-thirds of members present and voting. In addition, changes in Seventh Schedule requires ratification of the amendment by the legislatures of at least one-half of the states. In fact, the 42nd amendment actually transferred five subjects from the State List to the Concurrent List which are: (a) Education; (b) forests ;(c) weights and measures ;(d) protection of wild animals and birds and (e) administration of justice; constitution and organisation of all courts except the Supreme Court and the High Court.

The constitutional assignments between the central and subnational governments in federations are done broadly on the basis of their respective comparative advantage. The provision of national public goods is in the federal domain and those with the state-level public service span are assigned to the states as the latter are assumed to have comparative advantage in providing these services according to the varied preferences of the people. The transaction cost of providing state level public services at the central level is higher than scale economies. In addition, there are meritorious public services with inter-state spillovers and their efficient provision requires subsidisation. Thus, while the provision of public services is mandated at subnational levels, financing is done either fully or partially by the Centre to ensure that a minimum standard of such services are provided across the country.

In the Indian context, for this reason, there are central sector and centrally-sponsored schemes. In the case of the former, funding is entirely by the Centre and states are merely implementing agencies. The CSS is a shared cost programme and is meant to ensure a minimum standard of service across the country. In fact, many of the schemes are introduced by the Centre on subjects in the State List ostensibly for their externalities but also to have a direct appeal



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to the electorate. Not surprisingly, several schemes were introduced and they are now restructured into 28 umbrella schemes classified into “core of the core”, “core” and “optional” with states’ contribution fixed at 30 per cent, 40 per cent and 50 per cent respectively for non-special category states. In principle, these schemes have expiry dates, but going by past experience, they are never folded up and always get repackaged. In fact, each of the schemes has multiple objectives and service delivery standards are not clearly defined. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, for example, there are 42 interventions and states are required to prepare their budgets for each intervention with little flexibility and any change in the allocations between these heads would have to be approved by the Project Appraisal Board chaired by the Union HRD Secretary.

In principle, there should be consultations with states in designing the schemes, but this is hardly done. The classic example is the health insurance scheme announced by the prime minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his Independence Day speech in 2018 which evolved into “Ayushman Bharat”, requiring non-special category states to share 40 per cent of the cost. Of course, in principle, they can opt out, but only at a huge political cost. In fact, most schemes create permanent liabilities and do not have an effective expiry date.

In fact, the Finance Commissions are aware of the need for specific purpose transfers to ensure minimum standards of meritorious services and leave some fiscal space to the Centre to undertake CSS. Thus, the Fourteenth Finance Commission, while concluding that there is a compelling case for reforming the existing system of fiscal transfers stated, “In our view, the Union government should continue to have fiscal space to provide grants for functions that are broadly in the nature of ‘overlapping functions’ and for area-specific interventions.”

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Here, there are two specific reasons why they should not. First, defence is a national public good and keeping in view the principle that the beneficiaries of services should pay for it, it becomes the primary responsibility of the Centre to defray the cost of protecting all the people of the nation. Second, given the fact that the assigned expenditure responsibilities of the states are much larger than their revenue potential, the Constitution provides for the sharing of taxes collected by the Centre and making grants to them from the consolidated fund of the Centre based on the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission is supposed to take into account the capacities and needs of the Union and different states in making recommendations and the Centre’s need includes the requirements for defence of the country. The TOR of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, for example, emphasises that it should have “...regard, among other considerations, to the demand on the resources of the Central government particularly on account of defence, internal security...”

Thus, once the commission makes recommendations after assessing the requirements including those for defence, the responsibility for defraying the expense falls on the Centre. The states simply do not have the resources to spend beyond the subjects in their domain because the Finance Commission will not provide for it in its assessment.

Indeed, there is a need to reform the CSS. There should be consultations in formulating, designing and closing them down. “The one-size-fits-all” approach cannot succeed in a large and diverse country like India. As the schemes are implemented by states, they should have substantial flexibility to ensure that the schemes benefit the targeted groups. While these are important, it is not clear how a relook at the Seventh Schedule would achieve this objective.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“It is believed Chinese people will combine confidence, cheerfulness and rationality together and make this year’s National Day an unforgettable one in PRC history.” —GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

# Beyond Modi-Trump chemistry

India and the US need to address the vexed issues in trade. This will prepare New Delhi for profound changes in global economic order



RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

AT THE HOUSTON spectacle on Sunday that bought together an enthusiastic Indian diaspora, the personal chemistry between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump was all too evident. But the celebrations at Texas must yield tangible outcomes at New York where the two leaders are set to meet again today on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly’s annual session.

According to media reports, Modi and Trump are apparently racing to wrap up the negotiations on trade that have been underway for some time. The speculation is about a “small deal” between the two countries. Yet, the two leaders also know that they need to look beyond the tactical and signal a change of direction in bilateral commercial engagement and set ambitious trade targets for the near and medium term.

In diplomacy, personal rapport and trust between the leaders is quite valuable. Although the leaders themselves might not negotiate the details of agreements, they need to communicate their respective interests to each other and signal the political will to overcome domestic obstacles.

Even more important is the recognition of your interlocutor’s priorities. When you address the other leader’s most important concern and give him or her room to claim victory, you will get a lot more in return. In the last two decades, the success of India’s engagement with the US has been rooted in Delhi’s sensible judgement about the immediate focus of the other leader.

It is easily forgotten that the then External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh offered quick unilateral support in May 2001 when US President George W Bush’s announced an initiative to build missile defences and move away from the doctrine of deterrence through nuclear terror. While Bush was being pilloried at home and abroad for overturning arms control orthodoxy, Delhi’s support was more than welcome in Washington. This was followed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s strong support for Bush’s war on terror immediately after 9/11 and set the stage for a political and strategic approach to the Indo-US relationship that was hobbled for decades by disputes over nuclear issues.

Delhi’s new political warmth to America saw Bush extend unprecedented support for India’s rise and nudge a reluctant US establishment to invest much political capital in changing the US domestic nonproliferation laws as well as international regulations to lift a long-standing nuclear blockade against India. While the UPA government wavered in taking the nuclear deal forward, Bush stayed the course thanks to his strong empathy for India.

The resolution of the nuclear issue created the basis for a productive partnership with the US that saw liberalisation of US technology transfers, the launch of counter-terror cooperation, the expansion of defence rela-

tionship and political cooperation on regional and global issues. If Jaswant Singh and Vajpayee recognised what mattered for Bush, Modi saw that addressing climate change was President Barack Obama’s highest priority. Modi, who had sensible climate convictions of his own, quickly reoriented India’s policy to make Delhi part of the solution in the stalled international negotiations on mitigating global warming. When he was a senator, Obama had expressed serious reservations about the nuclear deal. Once he saw Modi as a partner, Obama helped finalise the nuclear agreement and integrate India into the global nonproliferation regimes.

On the nuclear issue as well as climate change, there was strong resistance within the Indian system from two different quarters — those who picked nits and others who turned every engagement with America into a supreme test of India’s commitment to non-alignment. The nit pickers were mostly from the bureaucracy that refused to see the larger gains accruing to India. The political class revelled in denouncing any change in India’s long outmoded negotiating positions.

When Trump took charge of the White House in January 2017, Modi and his advisers did not take long to see the president would be very different from his predecessors and that he was going to alter many long-standing American policies. While Modi recognised the centrality Trump’s trade concerns, the PM’s initial responses did not seem adequate.

More consequentially, Modi did not devote enough political attention to the emerging challenges on the trade front. He seemed to let the nit pickers lead the trade negotiation. India’s prickly attitude to trade liberalisation that congealed in recent years put it at odds with its major trading partners. While most of them had given up on India, Trump made it a bone of contention. In his effusive speech on India-US relations, Trump did insist that that the people of India must have “access to products stamped with the beautiful phrase Made in the USA”. Put simply, market access has been the issue that has troubled the relationship in recent years. While referring to the difficulties in the bilateral trade negotiations and suggesting a deal might be at hand, Modi reassured Trump that he is learning from the President on the “art of the deal”.

The PM is aware that cutting a trade deal with Trump, will make it a lot easier to deal with his administration on a range of issues including terrorism, Kashmir and the unfolding crisis in Afghanistan. But a trade agreement with the US is not just about immediate give and take between Modi and Trump. A new trade agreement must be about preparing India for profound changes in the global economic order, buffeted by Trump’s politics as well as the unfolding technological disruption. Many of Trump’s trade concerns in relation to India resonate with the left wing of the Democratic Party that is gaining ground. Getting India’s most important trade relationship right in the near term and charting a bold course for a mutually beneficial commercial partnership with the US over the long term are urgent and worthy goals in themselves.

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RANGIN PALLAV TRIPATHY

# Lessons unlearnt

Linguistic policy should not be driven by a politics of identity

A STATEMENT BY Purushottam Das Tondon in 1949 neatly captures the major problem that saddles any discussion on linguistic policy in India — looking at language only as a marker of identity. Speaking at a public meeting, he declared: “Those who oppose acceptance of Hindi as national language and Nagari as the national script are following the policy of anti-national appeasement and are catering to communal aspirations.”

The debate in the Constituent Assembly on language was marred by extreme positions. As Glanville Austin notes in *The Indian Constitution: The Cornerstone of a Nation*, while the moderates wanted the issue to be resolved by consensus, the extremists were willing to push through the imposition of Hindi even if they could secure a majority of one vote. That the Constitution does not speak of a “national language” was deliberate. Instead, the term “official language” was used in Article 343 as a tactical euphemism to avoid friction amongst different linguistic communities.

There were bitter contestations on the definition of Hindi and the sources of its vocabulary. Some leaders argued for new words to be coined from a Sanskrit base to deal with modern requirements instead of assimilating words from other languages. Ravi Shankar Shukla insisted that Hindi’s source of learned terms can only be from Sanskrit. There was resentment against Urdu as an influence on

Hindi. The more popular term at that time, “Hindustani”, stood for a confluence of linguistic and cultural influences from different traditions. However, the scars of Partition damaged the discourse on language. The compromises in this respect can be seen in the text of Article 351, which talks about the promotion of Hindi, mandating the state to promote Hindi so that it serves as a medium of expression for the “composite culture” of India. This appeased those uncomfortable with the imposition of a Sanskritised Hindi. On the other hand, Article 351 also mentions that Hindi shall draw its vocabulary primarily from Sanskrit. There were also a tussle on the official form of numerals to be used amongst “Arab Numerals”, “Nagari Numerals” and “International Numerals”, which finally led to a compromise in the expression “international form of Indian numerals” in Article 343.

The defining feature of the debate in the Constituent Assembly was merging the issue of language with that of national identity. At some level, this sentiment is understandable in the context of those times. India was gaining freedom after centuries of suppression and some leaders were eager to carve a national identity of a similar texture to that of the European experiments of nation-states. English, being the language of the English colonialists, was not acceptable to many. Multilingualism was deemed incompatible with the fervour

of national unity. While the sentiment of forging a national identity may be laudable, language was a poor choice of medium for such a project in a multicultural society.

As a functional tool, language inherently serves a communicative function. It enables us to transfer knowledge and ideas, and serves to transmit cultural heritage and preserve historical memories. Multilingualism should be an aspirational value. This spirit of aspiration ought to inform the design of linguistic policies in multicultural societies. On average, we interact more frequently with people from diverse linguistic backgrounds than our ancestors. Language should be looked at as an important skill to operate in a world which is more connected today than at any other point in time. This is not to contend that our linguistic heritage should be neglected or trivialised.

The problem we faced at the time of drafting the Constitution, as we face even today, is that the approach towards linguistic policy seems to be driven more by the politics of identity than values of aspiration or accommodation. The primary argument in favour of Hindi has been reduced to assertions of slim majoritarianism. Even then, there are concerns about the claim based on mere numerical strength, as only 25 per cent of Indians seem to recognise Hindi as their mother tongue (Census 2011).

Language, used as a political weapon, can be divisive and chauvinistic. It can be used to create hierarchical identities and unequal power dynamics. When we look at languages primarily as markers of identities, we build barriers to acceptability. People begin to assert linguistic supremacy, resist learning a language which they perhaps would not have objected to otherwise.

It is essential to move the discussion away from the binaries of Hindi and non-Hindi camps. The issue which merits attention is the manner in which linguistic policies ought to be designed in a multicultural society. Should linguistic policy is to be built on chauvinistic underpinnings or on practical concerns? Should the country should have a single national language or multiple? How to select a national language from amongst the many that people speak? Should there should be a national language at all? What are the parameters for evolving an effective linguistic policy?

The linguistic diversity that India has to negotiate is without precedent. We started off on a wrong foot at the time of Independence by confining language as an issue of identity. We must learn to avoid the same pitfalls which have damaged our polity so deeply.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TAX RELIEF

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Booster shot’ (*IE*, September 21). The slashing of the corporate tax rate from 30 to 22 per cent is indeed a booster shot. It is an invitation to more FDI as well as greater domestic investment. Loss-making public companies like Air India and BSNL must be privatised. There’s no use in sustaining loss making companies at the cost of the exchequer. Besides, just as six airports have been handed over to the Adani Group for maintenance and upgradation, similar steps ought to be taken for the Railways. The government should also give tax relief to the poor and the middle class to boost the economy.

Sauro Dasgupta, Kolkata

### FOR FARM’S SAKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Let prices rise’ (*IE*, September 23). The RBI and the government must avoid any temptation to contain food inflation because any boost to farm income will do two things. First, it will help the agriculture sector grow and second it will give a huge boost to the demand side of the economy. Rather than banning exports of essential items, it will do a great service to the sector if it improves the warehousing infrastructure as huge amount of food goes waste every year.

Bal Govind, Noida

### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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### TOLERANT HINDUS

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘An inseparable destiny’ (*IE*, September 23). Hinduism teaches us “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”. Different communities in the country should live in harmony. Only then will “sabka saath sabka vikas” be possible.

Neha Yadav, Lucknow



# 14 THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD



At the site of a collapsed classroom in a school in Nairobi on Monday. *Reuters*

### KENYA

#### Classroom collapse kills 7 children

**Nairobi:** Seven children were killed and at least 57 injured on Monday when a classroom collapsed in Kenya's capital Nairobi, officials said. Television stations showed images of rescue workers sifting through metal sheeting and slabs of concrete at the Precious Talent school, and carrying white body bags to an ambulance. "There have been 57 students that have been taken to hospital for treatment, and we can also confirm that there have been seven fatalities," said government spokesman Cyrus Oguna.

### ZIMBABWE

#### Mugabe died from cancer, President says

**Harare:** Former Zimbabwean leader Robert Mugabe died from cancer after chemotherapy treatment was stopped because it was no longer effective, a state-owned newspaper quoted President Emmerson Mnangagwa as saying, the first time the government has given the cause of his death. Mugabe, who led Zimbabwe to independence and crushed his foes during nearly four decades of rule that impoverished his country, died on Sept 6, aged 95 in Singapore. Mugabe is still to be buried because the government is building a mausoleum at Zimbabwe's national shrine reserved for liberation war fighters.

### FRANCE

#### Trial opens for 5 in 'plot' to bomb Notre-Dame

**Paris:** Five women went on trial Monday in an alleged plot to detonate a car bomb in front of Paris' Notre-Dame cathedral when France was battling a wave of Islamist attacks that have killed over 250 people since 2015. It is the first time women have appeared on charges of jihadist terrorism in an assize court, which handles the most serious crimes in France. Four of the women risk up to life in prison and the fifth a 30-year sentence for the September 2016 plot.

## WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT

# Spoke to Ukraine on Biden, admits Trump; pressure to impeach builds

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WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 23

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump acknowledged Sunday that he accused a leading political rival of corruption during a phone call with Ukraine's President, as pressure intensified on reluctant Democrats to move quickly toward impeachment over allegations that Trump engaged in a brazen effort to enlist foreign help to aid his own reelection.

In public and in private, many Democrats suggested that evidence in recent days indicating that Trump pressed the Ukrainian government to investigate former vice-president Joe Biden, and his administration's stonewalling of attempts by Congress to learn more, were changing their calculations about whether to seek his removal from office.

The influential chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, who has resisted such calls, said the House may now have "crossed the Rubicon" in light of the new disclosures, and the administration's withholding of a related whistleblower complaint. A group of moderate freshman lawmakers who had been opposed to an im-



**House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (right) shot a warning to Trump: Turn over the secret whistleblower complaint by Thursday, or face a serious escalation from Congress.**

*Reuters, NYT*



peachment inquiry said they were considering changing course, while other Democrats who had reluctantly supported one amplified their calls. Progressives, meanwhile, sharpened their criticisms of the party's leadership for failing to act.

The fast-moving developments prompted Speaker Nancy Pelosi to level a warning of her own to the White House: Turn over the secret whistleblower

complaint by Thursday, or face a serious escalation from Congress.

In a letter to House Democrats, Pelosi never mentioned the word "impeachment," but her message appeared to hint at the possibility.

"If the administration persists in blocking this whistleblower from disclosing to Congress a serious possible breach of constitutional duties by the president, they will be entering a grave new

## EXPLAINED

### 2014 Ukraine crisis leads to political furore in 2019 US

VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH, who was president of Ukraine in 2014, was considered a close ally of the Russian government. Violent protests erupted in Kiev that year as Yanukovich, allegedly at the insistence of Russia, stalled on measures meant to take Ukraine closer to the EU.

The protests culminated in the ouster of the president, and the US gave public backing to the fragile new government that was formed afterwards. Then US vice-president Joe Biden was at the forefront of America's Ukrainian outreach. It was in the same year, however, that Biden's son Hunter was named a board member of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian gas company owned by a Yanukovich ally. This raised conflict of interest and corruption suspicions at the time. It has come into focus again after revelations that Trump sought the current Ukrainian President's help to investigate Biden, the frontrunner to be the Democratic Party's 2020 presidential nominee.

chapter of lawlessness which will take us into a whole new stage of investigation," Pelosi wrote in the letter.

The allegations centre on whether Trump pressured a vulnerable ally to take action to damage Biden at a critical moment, potentially using United States military aid as leverage. Ukraine has been fighting a war with Russia, and the Trump administration had temporarily

been withholding a \$250 million package of military funding. There have been no indications to this point, however, that Trump mentioned the aid money on the call.

Trump showed no sign of contrition Sunday, telling aides that Democrats were overplaying their hand on a matter voters would discount. Publicly, he worked to focus attention not on his own actions, but on those of Biden. **NYT**

## UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE TALKS

# You have stolen my dreams: Thunberg tells world leaders

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UNITED NATIONS, SEPTEMBER 23

TEENAGE CLIMATE change activist Greta Thunberg on Monday opened the United Nations Climate Action Summit with an angry condemnation of world leaders for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change — "How dare you," she said.

Days after millions of young people took to the streets worldwide to demand emergency action on climate change, leaders gathered for the annual United Nations General Assembly aiming to inject fresh momentum into stalling efforts to curb carbon emissions.

A visibly emotional Thunberg, 16, said in stern remarks at the opening of the summit that the generations that have polluted the most have burdened her and her generation with the extreme impacts of climate change.

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you," said the Swedish teenager, her voice quivering.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words," Thunberg said, adding that the plans that leaders will unveil will not be enough



Environmental activist Greta Thunberg addresses the Climate Action Summit in the United Nations General Assembly. *AP*

**"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words, yet I'm one of the lucky ones... People are dying, entire ecosystems are collapsing."**

**"We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is the money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"**

to respond to the rate of the planet's warming.

Thunberg has galvanised a new wave of climate change activism through her weekly Fridays for Future school strikes, which she began with her weekly, solitary protests outside of the Swedish parliament.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had warned governments ahead of the event that they would have to offer action plans to qualify to speak at

the summit, which is aimed at boosting the 2015 Paris Agreement to combat global warming.

In his opening remarks, he tried to capture the urgency of climate change and called out the fossil fuel industry.

"Nature is angry. And we fool ourselves if we think we can fool nature, because nature always strikes back, and around the world nature is striking back with fury," Guterres said. **REUTERS**



**ROUHANI HEADS TO NEW YORK:** Iranian President Hassan Rouhani at a farewell ceremony in Tehran before leaving for New York on Monday. *Reuters*

# Iran says UK tanker free to go after two months of detention

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SEPTEMBER 23

A BRITISH-FLAGGED tanker that Iran seized in July is now free to leave, Tehran said Monday, more than a month after British authorities released an Iranian tanker that had been detained off Gibraltar.

The news offered a rare hint of easing tensions for Iran, at a time when the country has been in an escalating cycle of confrontation with its Persian Gulf neighbors and with the United States, including the shooting down of drones, the seizure of tankers and, most recently, an attack on major oil installations in Saudi Arabia.

Officials of the United States and Saudi Arabia, Iran's chief rival in the region, have blamed Tehran for the September 14 attack on oil facilities in the kingdom, raising the prospect of retaliatory strikes and even war. But so far, the only apparent action they have taken against Tehran is a tightening of economic sanctions.

Iran had accused the British-flagged tanker, the *Stena Impero*, of violating maritime regulations in the Strait of Hormuz, but the seizure July 19 was widely seen as retaliation for the detention of the Iranian vessel.

The legal proceedings against the *Stena Impero* have concluded, and Iran has decided to waive alleged violations, an Iranian government spokesman, Ali Rabiye, said at a news conference, according to Iranian and Western news agencies that were present.

The ship had not left Bandar Abbas, a port in southern Iran, as of midday, and it was not clear how quickly it would set sail. Erik Hanell, chief executive of the tanker's owner, the shipping company Stena Bulk, told SVT, a Swedish television station, that he hoped it would be a matter of hours.

Iran detained the 23-member crew along with the ship. It released seven of them this month, but the others have remained with the vessel.

The direct confrontation with Britain began July 4, when British marines and Gibraltar port officials seized an Iranian tanker, *Grace 1*, which has since been renamed the *Adrian Darya 1*. They said the ship was carrying oil to Syria, in violation of a European Union embargo.

Iran denied the allegation. The government of Gibraltar, a semiautonomous British territory, released the ship six weeks later and said that it had assurances that the Iranian tanker would not go to Syria. **NYT**

# Israel awaits President's PM pick after talks end

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ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT wrapped up his second and final day of crucial talks to find a new prime minister and a way out of political deadlock, after meeting Monday with the smaller parties elected in last week's vote.

After hearing the recommendations from the remaining party for who should head a government, President Reuven Rivlin must now select the candidate he deems most able to form a stable coalition. He is set to make his decision by Wednesday.

The post-election consultations are usually a formality, but the largely ceremonial President is now playing a key role after an almost tied election result.

"There is one thing that the people are largely united over and that is the desire that there won't be third elections," Rivlin said.

The smaller parties' recommendations were split between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White's Benny Gantz.

That would suggest that, coming out of the talks, Netanyahu holds a small edge over Gantz.



The contenders: Gantz and Netanyahu

## 71ST PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS

# Game of Thrones and Fleabag win top prizes at Emmys, one last time

JOHN KOBLIN  
LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 23

THE DRAGON did it one last time. HBO's *Game of Thrones* made television history at the 71st Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, winning for best drama series and tying the record for the most wins in that prestigious category with predecessors like *The West Wing*, *L.A. Law*, *Mad Men* and *Hill Street Blues*.

The sprawling fantasy series, which had its finale in May after eight seasons of blood and intrigue, won 12 Emmys for its swan-song season, adding to its record total for the most wins of any television drama ever.

The night was also huge for Amazon, which won the best comedy award, thanks to *Fleabag*, a series that grew out of a 2014 one-woman show by its creator, Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

Waller-Bridge won three Emmys on the night, including for best actress in a comedy. The much-decorated Julia Louis-Dreyfus, the star of *Veep*, failed to win that award for the first time in the show's seven seasons. Waller-Bridge also won in the category of best writing for a comedy series.

"Well, this is just getting ridiculous," Waller-Bridge said, laughing, after taking center stage at the Microsoft Theater to accept her third Emmy on the night, the award for best comedy series.

She has said that the show's second season would be its last.

In keeping with Emmy tradition, HBO had a strong night overall, taking three of the top series awards, including a victory for a frequent winner, *Last Week Tonight With John Oliver*, as the year's best talk show. The network also won in the category of best limited series for *Chernobyl*, which won 10 awards altogether.

For his work on *Game of Thrones*, Peter Dinklage won — for the fourth time — the award for best supporting actor in a drama.

The night also represented something of a defeat for Netflix, which went away empty-handed in the biggest categories. **NYT**

## The big winners

**Outstanding drama series**  
*Game of Thrones*

**Outstanding comedy series**  
*Fleabag*

**Lead actress in a drama series**  
Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*)

**Lead actor in a drama series**  
Billy Porter (*Pose*)

**Writing for a drama series**  
Jesse Armstrong (*Succession*, *Nobody Is Ever Missing*)

**Outstanding limited series**  
*Chernobyl*

**Outstanding television movie**  
*Black Mirror: Bandersnatch*

**Lead actress in comedy series**  
Phoebe Waller-Bridge (*Fleabag*)

**Lead actor in comedy series**  
Bill Hader (*Barry*)

**Reality competition series**  
*RuPaul's Drag Race*



(Clockwise from above) Cast members from *Game of Thrones* take the stage; Phoebe Waller-Bridge won three awards on the night for *Fleabag*; Billy Porter, winner of the award for outstanding lead actor in a drama series for *Pose*.





INDEX GAINS 2,997 POINTS IN TWO SESSIONS FOLLOWING CORPORATE TAX CUT ON FRIDAY

# Sensex jumps 1,075 pts on tax cut booster

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

EXTENDING THE bull run for the second session in a row, benchmark Sensex on Monday jumped another 1,075 points after the government announced a cut in corporate tax and other measures on Friday to boost growth and investments. With this gain, the Sensex has posted its biggest two-day gain of 2,997 points, or 8.30 per cent, while the 50-share Nifty Index soared 895.40 points, or 8.36 per cent, in two days.

The 30-share Sensex gained over 1,426 points in intra-day trade before closing higher by 1,075.41 points or 2.8 per cent at 39,090.03, a level not seen since July 17. The broader NSE Nifty zoomed by 326 points or 2.89 per cent to end at a two-month high of 11,600.20 with 32 of its constituents closing with gains.

Investor wealth, or market capitalisation of listed companies, soared for the second consecutive session and rose by Rs 10.35 lakh crore in two sessions as the market sentiment remained euphoric and investors enlarged their positions after a host of measures were announced to boost the slowing economic growth. Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "The rally continued as the positive sentiment for revival in earnings growth attracted investors to the market. Banks outperformed while mid and small



People gather in front of the BSE building in Mumbai on Monday. Ganesh Shirsekar

caps witnessed strong bargain buying amid expectations of turnaround in consumption story and improvement in balance sheet. The government's fiscal measures will support recovery in the economy which will add more colour to the second half of FY20 GDP estimate."

"New measures will boost the profitability of a number of companies, which will either be used to stimulate demand by lowering prices, payouts to shareholders in the form of dividends or using it for capital expenditure. Along with

short covering, a lot of pent up demand to buy good businesses was also visible. The market is also sensing a meaningful rate cut from the RBI in its bimonthly monetary policy due in the first week of October," said Devang Mehta, head – equity advisory, Centrum Wealth Management.

Brokers said that trading at the National Stock Exchange was marred by some glitch mainly in the closing session for 10 minutes. Trading was disrupted from 1515 hrs to 1529 hrs, dealers said. Bajaj Finance, I&T, Asian Paints, ITC,

Axis Bank, Kotak Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC twins, Maruti and SBI soared by up to 8.70 per cent.

However, Infosys, RIL, Tata Motors, PowerGrid, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, TCS and HCL Tech plunged by up to 4.97 per cent. The broader BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices rallied 3.08 per cent and 2.73 per cent respectively. Sectorally, BSE capital goods index, bankex, industrials, finance, FMCG, oil and gas, consumer durables and realty indices surged up to 6.55 per cent.

However, BSE IT, tech, telecom, utilities and power indices closed down by up to 3.29 per cent. In the banking sector, Axis Bank (7.3 per cent) and Kotak Bank (7.22 per cent) were in the limelight. Nifty Banking index zoomed 5.51 per cent.

"Our analysis indicates 1,000 companies could see tax savings of Rs 37,000 crore, or nearly a fourth of the total savings anticipated by the government. Segments linked to the consumer would benefit the most given higher effective tax rates of over 30 per cent. Exports-linked sectors such as IT and pharma, on the other hand, would benefit the least, accounting for only 5-6 per cent of potential savings. That's because they already enjoy low effective tax rates," rating firm Crisil said in a report.

On Friday, announcing a Rs 1.45 lakh crore fiscal stimulus to revive the sagging growth, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a cut in corporate tax for existing companies to 22 per cent from 30 per cent and for new manufacturing firms, incorporated after October 1, 2019, to 15 per cent from 25 per cent. Further, the GST Council slashed tax on hotel tariffs and some goods with a view to addressing sectoral concerns in a slowing economy.

Meanwhile, the rupee recovered from day's low levels to close flat at 70.94 against the US dollar aided by foreign fund inflows and lower global crude oil prices.

## EXPLAINED Markets now eyeing rate cut by RBI

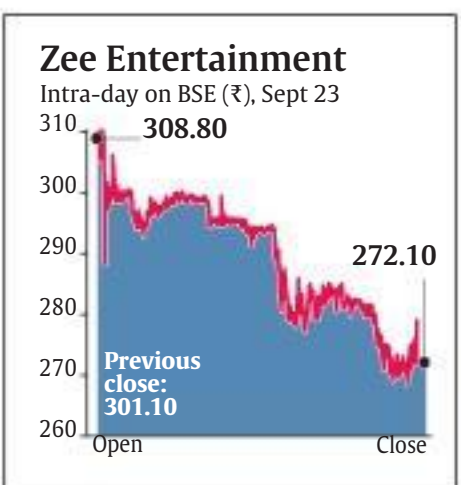
THE SENTIMENT has remained euphoric with investors enlarging their positions after the government announced cut in corporate tax and other measures to boost growth. The market fraternity is hoping that the stimulus would revive growth, lift sentiments and capex cycle while the negative impact of higher fiscal deficit would be mitigated by higher FDI and FPI flows. On the other hand, benign consumer price inflation, rate cut and higher transmission of rates are expected to bring down interest rates in the system. The market is expecting more measures, including more rate cuts by the RBI and a hike in personal income tax limit for individuals. Bulls seem to have taken over the trading ring for now.

## Zee Entertainment falls 9.63% as lenders sell pledged shares

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

SHARES OF Zee Entertainment Enterprises fell sharply on Monday to hit the lowest levels in over five years on reports that some lenders had sold a part of the company's pledged shares in the open market. According to market sources, Kotak Mutual Fund and one other large fund house have sold shares of Zee Entertainment (ZEEL) that were pledged by the Essel Group.

An Essel Group spokesperson said: "The Essel Group confirms that the lenders who had not agreed to grant the extension have exited by selling the pledged shares of ZEEL. The other lenders who value the assets have in-principally agreed to grant more time." Shares of ZEEL hit a 52-week low on Monday to close at Rs 272.10 – down by 9.63 per cent or Rs 29 on the BSE on Monday. An email



sent to Kotak MF remained unanswered at the time of going to the press. The bulk deal data from the NSE shows that 'Catalyst Trusteeship Limited' sold 72.5 lakh shares at an average price of Rs 281.75 per piece, amounting to around Rs 204 crore.

Last week, Essel Group had sought and extension for a 'few more months' to pay remaining dues. According to MF industry participants, most of the MFs have agreed to give time till end of the financial year for the payment. **FE**

## ‘Average flat sizes shrink 27% in last 5 years’

As builders seek to reduce apartment sizes to boost affordability, the average area of residential flats has shrunk 27 per cent over the past five years in seven major cities, property consultant Anarock said

**1,020**  
**SQUARE FEET:**  
Average apartment sizes in top seven cities in 2019, shrinking 27 per cent from 1,400 sq ft in 2014

**AVERAGE FLAT SIZE IN TOP SEVEN CITIES IN 2019, WITH FALL IN SIZE SINCE 2014:**

- Hyderabad: 1,570 sq ft, 12%
- Delhi-NCR: 1,390 sq ft, 6%
- Bengaluru: 1,300 sq ft, 9%
- Chennai: 1,190 sq ft, 8%
- Kolkata: 1,120 sq ft, 9%
- Pune: 600 sq ft, 38%
- MMR: 530 sq ft, 45%

**SIZE REDUCTION IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES:**



**28%** in affordable homes, i.e. those priced less than Rs 40 lakh

**17%** in mid-segment apartments, i.e. those priced between Rs 40 lakh and Rs 80 lakh

**21%** in premium homes, i.e. those

priced between Rs 80 lakh and Rs 1.25 crore

**18%** in luxury homes, i.e. those priced between Rs 1.25 crore and Rs 2.5 crore

**8%** in ultra-luxury homes, i.e. those priced over Rs 2.5 crore

### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO SHRINKING APARTMENT SIZES:

- Demand for affordable homes in metros
- Buyers' desire to avail government's credit subsidy benefits for affordable housing
- Lower GST for affordable housing, i.e. 1 per cent, as against 5 per cent for mid-segment homes
- Reduced overall costs and added benefits

## Sebi imposes ₹22 cr fine on Aurobindo Pharma, promoters, related entities

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Monday imposed a total penalty of over Rs 22 crore on Aurobindo Pharma, its promoter PV Ramprasad Reddy, his wife P Suneela Rani and other connected entities for violating insider trading norms.

The regulator conducted an investigation into the trading in the scrip of Aurobindo Pharma Ltd (APL) during the period from

July 2008 to March 2009 to ascertain the regulatory violation.

The probe found that the promoter entities traded in the scrip of APL based on unpublished price sensitive information or UPSI pertaining to the company's Licensing and Supply Agreements with Pfizer Inc and made "unlawful gains".

It further said that Ramprasad Reddy, chairman as well as promoter of APL; his wife P Suneela Rani; Kambam P Reddy, promoter and brother of APL's MD; Trident Chemphar (a company belonging to the pro-

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moter group of APL); Veritaz Health Care (connected to APL through common address, e-mail id, acquisition of brands connected to APL, sourcing of supplies from APL) and Top Class Capital Markets (connected to Veritaz Health Care through fund transfers proximate to trades executed in the scrip of APL) have

been considered as 'insiders' due to their connection with APL.

These entities "purchased shares while in possession of the UPSI pertaining to APL, and made unlawful gains from having purchased shares of APL at a lower price before publication of the UPSI on March 3, 2009" and thereby violating insider

trading rules.

Recognising that insider trading is a serious violation which vitiates the integrity and undermines confidence of investors in the markets, Sebi said "promoters and persons closely connected with the company have obtained unfair advantage by trading while in possession of UPSI which was not available with ordinary investors".

Further, Sebi said that APL failed to close the trading window (for employees and directors) during the UPSI period and thus violated 'Model Code of

Conduct' for Prevention of Insider Trading (PIT) rules.

Besides, the company failed to disclose the price sensitive information regarding the Licensing and Supply Agreements to the stock exchange.

The Sebi slapped a fine of Rs 2 crore on Aurobindo Pharma, Rs 7.5 crore on Top Class Capital Markets, Rs 6 crore on Trident Chemphar, Rs 5 crore on Ramprasad Reddy; Rs 2 crore on Rani and Rs 10 lakh each on Kambam P Reddy and Veritaz Health Care.



Stranded passengers at Thomas Cook check-in points at Mallorca Airport in Spain. Reuters

deal which left it plagued with huge levels of debt. The UK government said Monday it had hired planes to fly home British tourists,

in a mass repatriation plan code-named Operation Matterhorn which began immediately.

Launching Britain's "largest

repatriation in peacetime history", Transport Secretary Grant Shapps added that the government and UK Civil Aviation Authority had

hired dozens of charter planes to fly home Thomas Cook customers. "All customers currently abroad with Thomas Cook who are booked to return to the UK over the next two weeks will be brought home as close as possible to their booked return date," the government said.

Both a tour operator and an airline, the travel giant's key destinations were in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean but it offered also holidays in Asia, North Africa and the Caribbean.

"It is a matter of profound regret to me and the rest of the board that we were not successful," said Thomas Cook chief executive Peter Fankhauser.

"This marks a deeply sad day for the company," he added in the statement. As well as grounding its planes, Thomas Cook has been

## Price cuts of vehicles unlikely as discounts now at 'highest' levels

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

BUYERS OF cars and two-wheelers are unlikely to get the benefit of reduction in corporate taxes, as industry executives, including Maruti Suzuki chairman RC Bhargava and Mahindra & Mahindra managing director Pawan Goenka, believe there is not much scope for price cuts, given that discounts are already at an all-time high.

They, however, expect sales to pick up during the festival season as the uncertainty around the GST cut is over, because of which consumers were postponing purchases. Bhargava said the amount of money available from tax cuts is not very substantial and will not matter to consumers even if it is passed on. "Discounts offered today on cars have never been offered before, they are at the highest levels. There is little scope to cut prices further as the effective tax savings will not be much," Bhargava told FE.

Goenka believes even if the company transfers all of the tax benefits, the price of the vehicle will only be reduced by 0.5 per cent, which would not improve demand. "Most companies, including M&M, have already given significant high incentives for the festival season. So, I don't think there is any room for any further passing on of the tax benefit," Goenka told a business news channel.

The automobile industry is going through an unprecedented slowdown since the second half of the previous fiscal. Wholesale witnessed its worst-ever drop in two decades in August with despatches across segments plummeting to an all-time low. As demand did not pick up despite high discounts, manufacturers had been demanding for a cut in taxes. However, the GST Council

### BANKING ON THE FESTIVAL SEASON

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which met on Friday, refused to provide any major relief.

On demand improvement, Bhargava said expectation of a GST cut was affecting sales but it will pick up during the festival season as there is clarity now. "The FM's announcement has done a lot to boost sentiments which can be seen through the performance of the stock markets. For vehicle purchases, sentiment is the most important factor. So, demand should be better now," Bhargava said. Goenka believes demand was subdued so far due to poor sentiments in the economy. "Now that the expectation of a GST cut is out of the way, we will start seeing retail happening," he said.

Rajiv Bajaj, MD at Bajaj Auto, expects that the company will be able to double its monthly volumes in October to about 4 lakh units. "There is good reason to believe that this will happen now because the general sentiment is up," Bajaj said. **FE**

## SBI to link mid-sized loans to repo rate from Oct 1

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

STATE BANK of India (SBI) on Monday announced that it will adopt the repo rate as an external benchmark for its floating rate small loans – home, auto loans and advances to micro and small enterprises – starting October 1, as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

It also stated it was voluntarily extending the facility of external benchmark-linked rate based lending to medium enterprises in a bid to "boost lending" to the MSME sector as a whole.

In July, SBI was the first among public-sector peers to introduce a repo rate-linked floating rate home loan product. This was well before RBI's September 4 notification that required all banks to link all new floating rate personal or retail loans (housing, auto) and floating rate loans to SMEs extended by banks with effect from October 1 to external benchmarks.

According to SBI, a few modifications have been made in the scheme effective October 1 to

**The RBI on Sept 4 had asked banks to link floating rate personal or retail loans (housing, auto) and floating rate loans to SMEs to external benchmarks from October 1**

comply with the latest regulatory guidelines.

According to RBI guidelines, banks have various options to choose from as benchmarks – RBI's repo rate, government of India three-month or six-month Treasury Bill yield published by the Financial Benchmarks India (FBI), or any other benchmark market interest rate published by the FBI. RBI also said banks are free to offer such external benchmark-linked loans to other types of borrowers as well. While the scheme allows banks to decide the spread over and above the external benchmark when pricing their loans, there is also a clause that mandates banks reset rates at least once in three months. **FE**

### COMPANY ENTERS COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION

## British travel firm Thomas Cook collapses with 600,000 tourists stranded worldwide

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 23

BRITISH TRAVEL firm Thomas Cook collapsed into bankruptcy on Monday, leaving some 600,000 holidaymakers stranded and sparking the UK's biggest repatriation since World War II.

The 178-year-old debt-plagued group, which had struggled against fierce online competition for some time and blamed Brexit uncertainty for a recent drop in bookings, failed to secure 200 million pounds (\$250 million, 227 million euros) from private investors and collapsed in the early hours.

Monday's bankruptcy, which followed a lengthy period of chronic financial turmoil after a disastrous 2007 merger deal, left

some 600,000 tourists stranded worldwide according to Thomas Cook, while its 22,000 staff are now out of a job. The British government launched emergency plans to bring some 150,000 UK holidaymakers back home from destinations including Bulgaria, Cuba, Turkey and the US.

Thomas Cook said in a statement that "despite considerable efforts", it was unable to reach an agreement between the company's stakeholders and proposed new money providers.

"The company's board has therefore concluded that it had no choice but to take steps to enter into compulsory liquidation with immediate effect," it added.

The long-troubled group has also been blighted by enormous costs arising from its disastrous 2007 merger with MyTravel, a



# ‘No need to ban petrol, diesel vehicles; EVs picking up momentum naturally’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

ALLAYING FEARS of the auto industry, Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari Monday said there is no need to ban petrol and diesel vehicles as electric mobility has picked up momentum on its own and all buses would be electric in two years.

Earlier, the NITI Aayog had reportedly proposed that after 2030, only electric vehicles (EVs) should be sold in India. Later, Union ministers, including Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, tried to allay the fear of automobile manufacturers in the country by denying that. A panel headed by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant had earlier suggested that only EVs (three-wheelers and two-wheelers) with an engine capacity of up to 150cc should be sold from 2025 onwards.

“I always talk about EVs such as cars, bikes, and buses. Now, it has started naturally. There is no need to make it mandatory. There is no need to ban petrol and diesel vehicles. In the next two years, all buses would be electric and run on bio-ethanol and CNG (com-

## Sole bidder MEIL gets Polavaram contract; AP govt says ₹780 cr saved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 23

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government on Monday awarded the Polavaram project contract to Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), the sole bidder, after the YSR Congress government had decided to go for re-tendering.

The government claimed it saved Rs 780 crore by calling for fresh tenders for the Polavaram project, which includes the hydel power plant and main concrete works worth Rs 4,987 crore.

MEIL came up with a proposal costing 12.6 per cent less than that of an earlier contractor

## Gadkari says policy to revive closed sugar mills to be framed

New Delhi: The Centre is planning to come out with a policy to revive closed sugar mills by using their land for ethanol production, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said Monday.

He said the ethanol economy has the potential to reach Rs 1 lakh crore from about Rs 25,000 crore and can reduce the annual Rs 7 lakh crore crude imports.

“A lot of sugar mills are closed... I am going to frame a

pressed natural gas),” Gadkari said while speaking at a National Conclave on Energy Efficiency in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) here.

Taking about the cost benefit, the minister said, “If we run vehicles on electricity, it would be like cost of Rs 15 per litre of diesel... When told industry in a meeting that I would prohibit smoke-emission machines in the country, all were afraid... Now, we have plastic cylinders available from Germany which can save 50 per

policy. Condition of these sugar mills is such that they are not getting finances. I want to proceed for a Cabinet note... Some 5-6 acres of land in a closed sugar mill which can be used for making of ethanol,” Gadkari said.

The minister said land of the sugar mill can be utilised for ethanol production from sugar, sugarcane juice and molasses and a policy will be framed soon. **PTI**

cent cost on LNG (liquefied natural gas) and 40 per cent on CNG,”

He also spoke about converting farm stubble left after harvest into clean fuels for generating electricity and running vehicles which can increase farmers’ income manifold.

Currently, farmers burn stubble that causes air and soil pollution. The government through its firms such as power giant NTPC has started procuring stubble pellets for using those as fuel in coal-fired plants.

## Nissan, Ghosn settle US SEC claims over false financial disclosures

DAVID SHEPARDSON  
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 23

NISSAN MOTOR Co and its former chief executive officer Carlos Ghosn have agreed to settle claims from the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over false financial disclosures related to Ghosn’s compensation, a statement by the SEC said on Monday.

The Japanese automaker will pay \$15 million, while Ghosn agreed to a \$1 million civil penalty and a 10-year ban from serving as an officer or director of a publicly traded US company, the SEC statement said.

Ghosn was arrested in Japan and fired by Nissan last year. He is awaiting trial in Tokyo on financial misconduct charges that he denies.

Ghosn’s legal team said in a statement they were “pleased to

## FOR BACKING OUT OF DEAL TO TAKE OVER AMTEK AUTO

# SC to hear IBBI plea for criminal proceedings against Liberty House

Bench led by Arun Mishra, however, stays prosecution till further orders

INDUBHAN  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday agreed to hear the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India’s (IBBI) plea to initiate criminal proceedings against UK-based Liberty House Group for backing out of the deal to take over debt-laden Amtek Auto. A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra, however, stayed the prosecution of Liberty House, which was selected as the highest bidder by the committee of creditors (CoC) of Amtek Auto, till further orders.

The SC had on September 6 stayed the NCLAT decision that ordered liquidation of Amtek Auto, which was among the first list of the 12 companies that were referred by the RBI for initiation of insolvency process in 2017. The UK-based firm had backed out of the deal citing some reasons, fol-

### SC ON SEPT 6 STAYED NCLAT DECISION

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lowing which lenders requested 90 days more to find a new buyer.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta and Additional SG Madhvi Divan, appearing for IBBI, argued that the August 16 order of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had rendered them powerless and taken away IBBI’s and the government’s power to grant sanction before initiating trial under Section 236 of the IBC before a special court.

“The finding rendered will have a direct bearing on the implementation of the CIRPs and in turn will affect all resolutions,” the IBBI said, adding that the ruling will have huge ramifications on criminal trials initiated by the board and the government before the special courts.

However, senior counsel Mukul Rohtagi and counsel Mahesh Agarwal opposed the IBBI’s request to initiate criminal

## Notification issued for amendments in pension rules

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

THE FAMILIES of government employees dying after serving less than seven years will get enhanced pension now with the Centre amending rules. The move could benefit widows of Central Armed Police Forces personnel.

Earlier, the government employees should have rendered at least seven years of service in case of death so that the family could get the enhanced family pension at 50 per cent of the last pay drawn. Now, even with less than seven years of service, families, in case of death, will get enhanced family pension.

President Ram Nath Kovind approved the amendment to the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, according to a government notification.

## Handle tax issues of startups with utmost care: CBDT to I-T dept

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

INCOME TAX related issues of startups should be handled with “utmost care” and a final action taken report on their grievances should be submitted within three working days, the CBDT told the taxman on Monday.

It has also asked the regional heads of the Income Tax Department to constitute a startup cell at their offices.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), which frames policy for the tax department, issued an order on Monday stating some fresh directions for handling grievances of startups.

“...the issue relating to startups are to be handled with utmost care. All the officers in your charge must be sensitised to handle such issues accordingly,” the

proceedings against the firm.

The NCLAT had in its August 16 order ruled that the NCLT has to satisfy itself first after giving an opportunity of being heard to the accused, request the government to investigate and then decide on such an opinion whether or not to refer the matter for trial. Seeking setting aside of the NCLAT’s order, the IBBI said such power given to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) was not provided under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

According to the petition, the NCLAT has also attempted to relate Section 213 of the Companies Act, 2013 to the Code to hold that the NCLT can pass order under the Companies Act provision, which provides for a special procedure for investigation, after giving a reasonable opportunity to the person concerned who has contravened the law before any such order is passed. **FE**

## BRIEFLY

### Bank unions defer two-day strike

New Delhi: Officers’ unions of public sector banks (PSBs) have deferred their proposed two-day strike after Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar assured to look into their concerns. Four unions had threatened to go on strike from September 26 to protest the consolidation of 10 PSBs into four. **PTI**

### Canara Bank to sell its entire stake in CTIL

Mumbai: Canara Bank Monday told exchanges it plans to sell its full stake in Commonwealth Trust India (CTIL). In a filing, the bank said its investment committee has permitted initiation of the stake sale process. **FE**

### Hyundai, Aptiv to set up \$4 bn self-driving JV

Seoul/New York: Hyundai Motor Group will invest \$1.6 billion in a joint venture to develop self-driving vehicle technologies with Aptiv, to catch up to rivals in the autonomous car market.

### Apple to make new Mac Pro PCs in US

Bengaluru: Apple Inc said Monday it will make new Mac Pro desktop computers at its Austin, Texas facility, after some tariff reliefs by the US government. **REUTERS**

### Commercial units launched by Wave Group

New Delhi: Wave City Center, Wave Group’s residential-and-commercial project, has began delivery of its commercial units. High Street Shop Condominiums, in Noida, it stated. Built on a ‘G+2’ structure, with dedicated pathways, underground parking and sidewalk cafes, the project offers “shoppers a clutter free shopping experience and retailers more usable area”, it said. **CJ Singh, COO, Wave City Center, said,** “We are delivering our first retail product ... keeping in mind convenience of both the investors and the patrons.” **Rajiv Gupta, CEO, Wave Infotech, said,** “With couple of financial institutions already on board, our construction is at full pace.” **ENS**

## Oil steadies on hopes of full Saudi output restart

New York: Oil stabilized Monday, after gaining nearly 7 per cent last week, as lingering concerns over global supplies following the September 14 attack on Saudi oil facilities offset prospects for a faster-than-expected restoration of the kingdom’s output and on signs of European economic weakness. Saudi Arabia has restored around 75 per cent of crude

production lost in the attacks that knocked down 5.7 million barrels per day, or more than half of the kingdom’s oil production, a source told *Reuters*.

Global benchmark Brent futures were up 1 cent to \$64.29 a barrel by (1530 GMT), while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was up 16 cents, or 0.3 per cent, to \$58.25. **REUTERS**

## ‘SoftBank turns against WeWork’s parent CEO’

ANIRBAN SEN & JOSHUA FRANKLIN  
BENGALURU/NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 23

JAPAN’S SOFTBANK Group Corp, the biggest investor in WeWork owner The We Company, is exploring ways to replace Adam Neumann as chief executive of the US office-sharing start-up, four people familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The rare showdown between SoftBank and one of its biggest investments comes after We Company postponed its initial public offering (IPO) last week, following pushback from prospective investors, not just over its widening losses, but also over Neumann’s unusually firm grip on the company.

This was a blow for SoftBank, which was hoping for We Company’s IPO to bolster its profits as it seeks to woo investors for its second \$108 billion Vision Fund. It invested in We Company — which owns shared workspaces firm WeWork — at a \$47 billion valuation in January, yet stock market investor skepticism led to the start-up considering a potential valuation in the IPO earlier this month of as low as \$10 billion. *Reuters* reported.

What was the venture capital world’s biggest upset is now morphing into one of corporate America’s most high-profile boardroom dramas. **REUTERS**

## Huawei CFO arrives at Vancouver court for hearing expected to disclose arrest details

KAREN FREIFELD  
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 23

HUAWEI CHIEF financial officer Meng Wanzhou arrived at a Canadian courtroom on Monday along with her lawyers to press for more details surrounding her arrest at Vancouver’s airport nearly 10 months ago.

Meng, 47, was detained on December 1 at the request of the United States, where she is charged with bank fraud and accused of misleading HSBC Holdings Plc about Huawei Technologies Co Ltd’s business in Iran. Meng, who is expected in court, has said she is innocent and is fighting extradition. The arrest has strained China’s relations with both the US and Canada.

At Monday’s hearing before Justice Heather Holmes of the British Columbia Supreme Court, Meng’s defense team will request more disclosure surrounding her detention at the airport, including contacts between U.S. and Canadian authorities. Meng arrived at the Vancouver, British Columbia courtroom, wearing a burnt orange coat and an ankle monitor on her left leg with silver glittering shoes. She carried a beige handbag over her shoulder.

Meng’s lawyers argue she was unlawfully detained, searched and questioned for over three



Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou leaves her home to attend a court hearing in Vancouver, on Monday. *AP*

hours after she landed on a flight from Hong Kong. Under the use of an immigration check, the defense said, Canadian officials delayed her arrest and collected evidence for the US authorities. Extradition proceedings against Meng should be halted if officials abused the process, they added.

Besides accusations of misconduct related to her detention, they argue the US is using Meng for economic and political gain, noting that after her arrest, U.S. President Donald Trump said he would intervene if it would help close a trade deal. Lawyers for Canada will respond to the demand for more information about Meng’s arrest in court, as per a Canadian Department of Justice spokesman, who added that Meng had already been provided with “extensive disclosure, beyond what is required.” **REUTERS**



Enterprise Integration Services Department, State Bank Global IT Centre,  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

State Bank of India has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP No. SBI/GITC/EIS/2019-20/650 Dated: 20.09.2019) for “Supply, Installation, Commissioning and maintenance of additional ZFS Storage, Exadata storage and Database backup solution” for EIS Department. Please see the “**Procurement News**” at Bank’s site [www.sbi.co.in](http://www.sbi.co.in) or [bank.sbi](mailto:bank.sbi)

**Place:** Navi Mumbai **Sd/-**  
**Date:** 24.09.2019 **Deputy General Manager (EIS)**



**NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
42 IT Park, Sahasrabudhara Road, Dehradun-248013

**TENDER NOTICE**

NABARD invites tender in two bid system for appointing Project Management Consultancy services (PMCs) for proposed “Planning, Designing and Construction of buildings for residential quarters for staff at Dehradun”. Instructions regarding Technical Bid, Financial Bid, bid submission and description of works and the services required has been elaborated in the Terms and Conditions of the tender. The tender document can be downloaded from the website <https://nabard.eproc.in>.


Interested Central Govt. Organizations/Central Public Sector Undertaking must submit their bids online not later than 5:30 PM on 14th October 2019. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled on 03rd October 2019.

Any corrigendum issued in this connection shall be updated on the portal only.

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Ph.No.0471-2471011 Extn: 303  
Date: 24.09.2019 (Sd/-) Chairman & Managing Director



**NMDC Limited**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)  
Donimalai Iron Ore Mine, Donimalai Township - 583 118,  
Dist: Bellary, Karnataka, Phones : 08395 - 274624,  
Fax : 08395-274649, CIN : L13100AP1958G01001674

**5<sup>th</sup> CORRIGENDUM** Dated: 07-09-2019

Tender Enquiry No. CE/WI/(857)/2019, Dated : 12.03.2019  
Corrigendum Dated : 10.05.2019, 10.06.2019, 09.07.2019 and 08.08.2019

Last date & Time of download/sale and submission of tender document Up to 15.00 Hrs and for opening of Part-I by 15.30 Hrs.

Name of Work	As per Original Tender	Amended as
“Construction of Silt Settling Tank at Location N-18 at DIOM”	10-05-2019	07-10-2019

Other terms / Conditions / clauses etc of tender document will remain unchanged. The details of tender document can be viewed/downloaded from our website [www.nmdc.co.in](http://www.nmdc.co.in) For and on behalf of NMDC Limited  
Dy. General Manager (Civil)

Date: 24-09-2019



**NMDC Limited**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)  
KUMARASWAMY IRON ORE MINE  
P.O.: Donimalai Township, Taluk - Sandur, District-Ballari  
Karnataka, Pin - 583 118 CIN: L13100AP1958G01001674

**PRESS NOTIFICATION FOR TENDER** Date: 24/09/2019  
Sealed Item-Rate Quotations are invited from experienced and qualified bidder for the following:

Name of Work	Scope of Work & Period of Contract
Hiring of Plant & Mining Machines for working in Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine as indicated in the sketch attached with tender document.	Excavation of 60 Lakh Tonne (±20%) of ROM and 10.50 Lakh Tonne (±20%) of Waste/Low Grade Iron Ore in three years @ 20.00 Lakh Tonne (±20%) of ROM and 3.50 Lakh Tonne (±20%) of Waste/Low Grade Iron Ore per year by engaging Mining Equipments as detailed in tender document. Blasting will be done by NMDC at its own cost.

Cost of Tender Document: ₹ 29500/-, EMD: ₹ 50 Lakhs, Estimated value ₹ 7584 Lakhs, Contract Period: For a period of 03 (three) years. The details of tender documents can be viewed from website [www.nmdc.co.in](http://www.nmdc.co.in) & Central Public Procurement Portal.

For accessing the tender document online registration is required at NMDC LIMITED’S website link <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdctender/default.aspx>. The first time users click as ‘New User’ and register themselves. For accessing the bid document from CPP Portal, the bidders have to click on latest active bids at [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Last date for sale of tender documents is 23/10/2019 up to 4.00 PM. Due date for submission of tender documents is 24/10/2019 up to 3.30 PM and the tender will be opened on the same day at 4.00 PM.

For and on behalf of NMDC Limited  
DGM (Min) - KIOM

**DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST) I**  
**M 16 MAYUR VIHAR PKT E PHASE II NEW DELHI 110091**

**PRESS NOTICE TENDER**  
NIT NO. 30/East-I/(2019-20)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV) / Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Replacement of old damaged/under size 250 mm dia main sewer line with 450 mm dia & 315 mm dia respectively at 20/271 -20/287 & 20/361 -20/391 20-Block Kalyanpuri AC-56 in East-I (By pipe bursting method)	78,800.00/-	69,600.00/-	500.00/-	21-09-2019 2019_DJB_106685_7	07-10-2019 At 03:15 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 383/2019-20

Sd/-  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-I**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) W-I**  
**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**VARUNALAYA PHASE-I, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI - 110055**  
**PRESS NIT NO. 04/EE(Project)W-I/(2019-20)**

S. No.	Description of work	Tender Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Completion period
1.	Consultancy services for carrying out Hydraulic Modeling and Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Creation of DMAs and ultimately reduction of NRW for improvement in consumer service level under the command area of primary Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs) in SE (North West) circle	1500/-	68,000/-	15 months

RFP documents may be downloaded from DJB website [www.delhijalboard.nic.in](http://www.delhijalboard.nic.in) and further by following the link “Expression of Interest”.

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Sd/-  
**EE (Project) W-I**

**भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**  
**इसरो नौदन कॉम्प्लेक्स ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX**  
**महेंद्रगिरि पी ओ MAHENDRAGIRI PO**  
**तिरुनेलवेली जिला TRINELVELI DISTRICT- 627 133, तमिलनाडु TAMILNADU**

**क्रय व भंडार प्रणाली/PURCHASE & STORES DIVISION** दिनांक / DATE: 20.09.2019

**निविदा सूचना सं. आईपीआरसी/प्र.क.उ.चं/पीई/ई-प्राण/14/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE NO.IPRC/HPS/PTI-E-PROC/14/2019-20**

भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए और उनकी ओर से प्रधान, क्रय व भंडार, इसरो नौदन कॉम्प्लेक्स (आईपीआरसी), महेंद्रगिरि निम्नलिखित की आपूर्ति हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित करते हैं। For and on behalf of the President of India, Head, Purchase & Stores, ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri invites online tenders for supply of the following:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	निविदा संदर्भ सं. Tender Ref. No.	संक्षिप्त विवरण Brief Description	निविदा प्रस्तुतीकरण की अंतिम तिथि व समय/ Last Date & Time for Tender Submission
1.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0369401 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0369401 (Two-Part)	दाब वायु डिजाइन Pressure Vessel Design	Upto 16.10.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
2.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0369001 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0369001 (Two-Part)	अति ऊष्मारोधी नम्य होलों की आपूर्ति Supply of Super Insulated Flexible hoses	Upto 16.10.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
3.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0364801 (एक-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0364801 (Single-Part)	दाब पात्रों / संयंत्रों की आपूर्ति Supply of pressure vessels/Tanks	Upto 18.10.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
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5.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0327201 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0327201 (Two-Part)	एस.एस. 304L पाइपों की आपूर्ति Supply of SS 304L pipes	Upto 04.10.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
6.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0369501 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0369501 (Two-Part)	ए.सी.सी.एफ. तरल एवं गैसीकरण की स्थापना Establishment of ACCF fluid & Instrumentation	Upto 10.10.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक

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A WARMING WORLD

# The climate issue

Climate change must be tackled urgently and clear-headedly

FROM ONE YEAR to the next, you cannot feel the difference. As the decades stack up, though, the story becomes clear. The stripes on our cover represent the world’s average temperature in every year since the mid-19th century. Dark blue years are cooler and red ones warmer than the average in 1971–2000. The cumulative change jumps out. The world is about 1°C hotter than when this newspaper was young.

To represent this span of human history as a set of simple stripes may seem reductive. These are years which saw world wars, technological innovation, trade on an unprecedented scale and a staggering creation of wealth. But those complex histories and the simplifying stripes share a common cause. The changing climate of the planet and the remarkable growth in human numbers and riches both stem from the combustion of billions of tonnes of fossil fuel to produce industrial power, electricity, transport, heating and, more recently, computation.

### All around us

That the changing climate touches everything and everyone should be obvious—as it should be that the poor and marginalised have most to lose when the weather turns against them. What is less obvious, but just as important, is that, because the processes that force climate change are built into the foundations of the world economy and of geopolitics, measures to check climate change have to be similarly wide-ranging and all-encompassing. To decarbonise an economy is not a simple subtraction; it requires a near-complete overhaul.

To some—including many of the millions of young idealists who, as The Economist went to press, were preparing for a global climate strike, and many of those who will throng the streets of New York during the UN General Assembly—this overhaul requires nothing less than the gelding or uprooting of capitalism. After all, the system grew up through the use of fossil fuels in ever-greater quantities. And the market economy has so far done very little to help. Almost half the atmosphere’s extra, human-made carbon dioxide was put there after the turn of the 1990s, when scientists sounded the alarm and governments said they would act.

In fact, to conclude that climate change should mean shacking capitalism would be wrong-headed and damaging. There is an immense value in the vigour, innovation and adaptability that free markets bring to the economies that took shape over that striped century. Market economies are the wells that produce the response climate change requires. Competitive markets properly incentivised, and politicians serving a genuine popular thirst for action, can do more than any other system to limit the warming that can be forestalled and cope with that which cannot.

This special issue of The Economist is not all about the carbon-climate crisis. But articles on the crisis and what can be done about it are to be found across all this week’s sections. In this, our reporting mirrors the world. Whether it is in ensuring a future for the Panama Canal or weaning petrol-head presidents off their refinery habit, climate is never the whole story. Other things matter to Manhattan stockholders and Malawian small-holders. But climate change is an increasingly dangerous context for all their worlds.

To understand that context, it is important to understand all the things that climate change is not. It is not the end of the world.

### A STICKY MESS

# Now what?

## Despite American shale, oil markets still rely on Saudi Arabia

THE WORLD’S oil markets depend on Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia’s state-owned giant. In turn Aramco depends on Abqaiq. Crude from Saudi Arabia’s legendary oil fields—Ghawar, Khurais, Shaybah—comes to Abqaiq to be processed, coursing through its sprawling network of pipes, spheroids and stabilisation towers before being sent to customers around the world. Last year about half of Saudi Arabia’s production flowed through the facility. Little wonder that the kingdom’s enemies have long sought to cripple it.

On September 14th they succeeded. Drone strikes at Abqaiq and the Khurais oil field knocked out 5.7m barrels per day of production, a staggering 60% of the kingdom’s output and 6% of global supply. By September 17th, however, Abqaiq had resumed processing 2m barrels of oil. Amin Nasser, Aramco’s chief executive, said that capacity would be fully restored by the end of the month and that the attack would not affect plans to list a portion of Aramco’s shares in what is expected to be one of the biggest initial public offerings (IPO) ever.

The price of Brent oil, which had briefly jumped as much as 20% after the attack, slumped back to \$64, just \$1 above its level a week earlier. Aramco has so far main-

Humankind is not poised teetering on the edge of extinction. The planet itself is not in peril. Earth is a tough old thing and will survive. And though much may be lost, most of the wondrous life that makes Earth unique, as far as astronomers can yet tell, will persist.

Climate change is, though, a dire threat to countless people—one that is planetary in scope if not in its absolute stakes. It will displace tens of millions, at the very least; it will disrupt farms on which billions rely; it will dry up wells and water mains; it will flood low-lying places—and, as time goes by, higher-standing ones, too. True, it will also provide some opportunities, at least in the near term. But the longer humanity takes to curb emissions, the greater the dangers and sparser the benefits—and the larger the risk of some truly catastrophic surprises.

The scale of the implications underlines another thing that climate change is not. It is not just an environmental problem alongside all the others—and absolutely not one that can be solved by hair-shirt self-abnegation. Change by the people who are most alarmed will not be enough. What is also needed is change in the lives of those who do not yet much care. Climate is a matter for the whole of government. It cannot be shunted off to the minister for the environment whom nobody can name.

And that leads to a third thing that climate change is not. It is not a problem that

can be put off for a few decades. It is here and now. It is already making extreme events like Hurricane Dorian more likely. Its losses are already there and often mourned—on drab landscapes where the glaciers have died and on reefs bleached of their coral colours. Delay means that mankind will suffer more harm and face a vastly more costly scramble to make up for lost time.

### Hanging together

What to do is already well understood. And one vital task is capitalism’s speciality: making people better off. Adaptation, including sea defences, desalination plants, drought-resistant crops, will cost a lot of money. That is a particular problem for poor countries, which risk a vicious cycle where the impacts of climate change continuously rob them of the hope for development. International agreements stress the need to support the poorest countries in their efforts to adapt to climate change and to grow wealthy enough to need less help. Here the rich world is shirking its duties.

Yet, even if it were to fulfil them, by no means all the effects of climate change can be adapted away. The further change goes, the less adaptation will be able to offset it. That leads to the other need for capital: the reduction of emissions. With plausible technological improvements and lots of investment, it is possible to produce electricity

grids that need no carbon-dioxide-emitting power stations. Road transport can be electrified, though long-haul shipping and air travel are harder. Industrial processes can be retooled; those that must emit greenhouse gases can capture them.

It is foolish to think all this can be done in ten years or so, as demanded by many activists and some American presidential hopefuls. But today’s efforts, which are too lax to keep the world from two or even three degrees of warming, can be vastly improved. Forcing firms to reveal their climate vulnerabilities will help increasingly worried investors allocate capital appropriately. A robust price on carbon could stimulate new forms of emission-cutting innovations that planners cannot yet imagine. Powerful as that tool is, though, the decarbonisation it brings will

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need to be accelerated through well-targeted regulations. Electorates should vote for both.

The problem with such policies is that the climate responds to the overall level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, not to a single country’s contribution to it. If one government drastically reduces its own emissions but others do not, the gallant reducer will in general see no reduced harm. This is not always entirely true: Germany’s over-generous renewable-energy subsidies spurred a worldwide boom in solar-panel production that made them cheaper for everyone, thus reducing emissions abroad; Britain’s thriving offshore wind farms may achieve something similar. But it is true enough in most cases to be a huge obstacle.

The obvious fix will be unpalatable to many. The UN’s climate talks treat 193 countries as equals, providing a forum in which all are heard. But three-quarters of emissions come from just 12 economies. In some of those, including the United States, it is possible to imagine younger voters in liberal democracies demanding a political realignment on climate issues—and a new interest in getting others to join in. For a club composed of a dozen great and middling-but-mucky powers to thrash out a “minilateral” deal would leave billions excluded from questions that could shape their destiny; the participants would need new systems of trade preference and other threats and bribes

to keep each other in line. But they might break the impasse, pushing enough of the world onto a steeper mitigation trajectory to benefit all—and be widely emulated.

The damage that climate change will end up doing depends on the human response over the next few decades. Many activists on the left cannot imagine today’s liberal democracies responding to the challenge on an adequate scale. They call for new limits to the pursuit of individual prosperity and sweeping government control over investment—strictures some of them would welcome under any circumstances. Meanwhile, on the right, some look away from the incipient disaster in an I’m-alright-jack way and so ignore their duties to the bulk of humanity.

If the spirit of enterprise that first tapped the power of fossil fuels in the Industrial Revolution is to survive, the states in which it has most prospered must prove those attitudes wrong. They must be willing to transform the machinery of the world economy without giving up on the values out of which that economy was born. Some claim that capitalism’s love of growth inevitably pits it against a stable climate. This newspaper believes them wrong. But climate change could nonetheless be the death knell for economic freedom, along with much else. If capitalism is to hold its place, it must up its game.

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Smoke and steam billows from Belchatow power station in Poland. Reuters



A fire at an Aramco facility in the eastern city of Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia on September 14. Reuters

Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Russia and other oil producers agreed to reduce output by 1.2m barrels a day. Saudi Arabia has cut more than it promised to, keeping oil prices from sinking as far as they might have otherwise. Even so, the price of Brent crude on September 13th, the day before the attacks, was about 20% lower than it had been in late April.

Faced with such challenges, Saudi Arabia

has shaken up its oil hierarchy. A new oil minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, and a new chairman of Aramco, Yasir Othman Al-Rumayyan, assumed their posts in the past month. But stabilising oil prices and speeding Aramco’s IPO now look harder than ever.

Start with Aramco’s delayed IPO, which has tantalised investors since it was first announced in 2016. In April possible investors

drooled over the figures in its first ever bond prospectus: Aramco’s \$111bn net income was almost twice that of Apple’s, the world’s most profitable public company, and larger than the earnings of ExxonMobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Chevron, Total and BP combined. Some also fretted that its production is much more dependent on a single country than its major competitors. Mr Nasser has sought to downplay such con-

cerns, insisting that its production was reliable. But Aramco’s vulnerabilities have been laid bare and this may be reflected in the valuation it attracts.

Oil traders are now looking for signs that Aramco’s customers are seeking oil elsewhere, says Michael Tran of RBC Capital Markets, a bank. The biggest uncertainty is whether the conflict in the Gulf will escalate and remove millions of barrels of Saudi production from the market. Were that to happen it is not immediately clear what would replace it.

Shale has made America the world’s biggest oil producer, but Donald Trump cannot ramp production up and down because he does not control shale companies. If oil prices rise many shale firms would probably return cash to shareholders rather than boost output, says Chris Midgley o S&P Global Platts, an energy analytics firm.

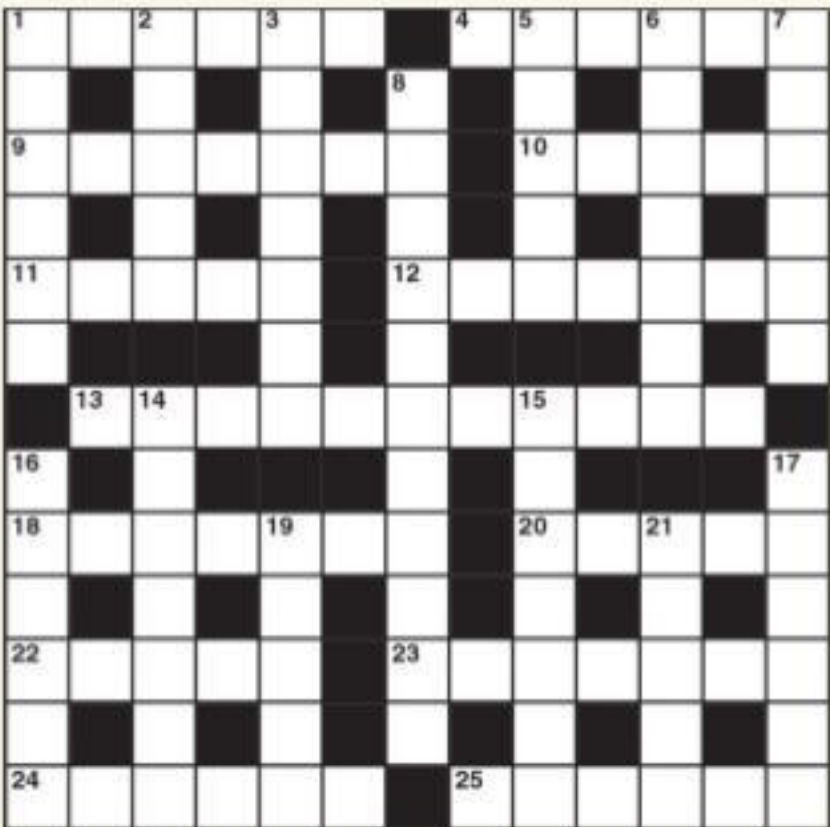
All this points to uncomfortable realities for the world’s two energy superpowers. Despite talk of America as a new swing producer, it is Saudi Arabia that remains the oil market’s central banker, with its ability to dial production up and down quickly, helping to keep prices steadier. But markets can no longer ignore the threats to its supply. Meanwhile claims of American energy independence have never looked so hollow. Even with America set to become a net exporter of oil, it still imported 10m barrels a day last year, not least because shale produces light, sweet crude and many of its refineries need heavy, sour stuff. If oil prices rise elsewhere, they rise in America, too. Mr Trump claims that American “energy dominance” makes the country less likely to be entangled in conflicts abroad. It doesn’t look that way.

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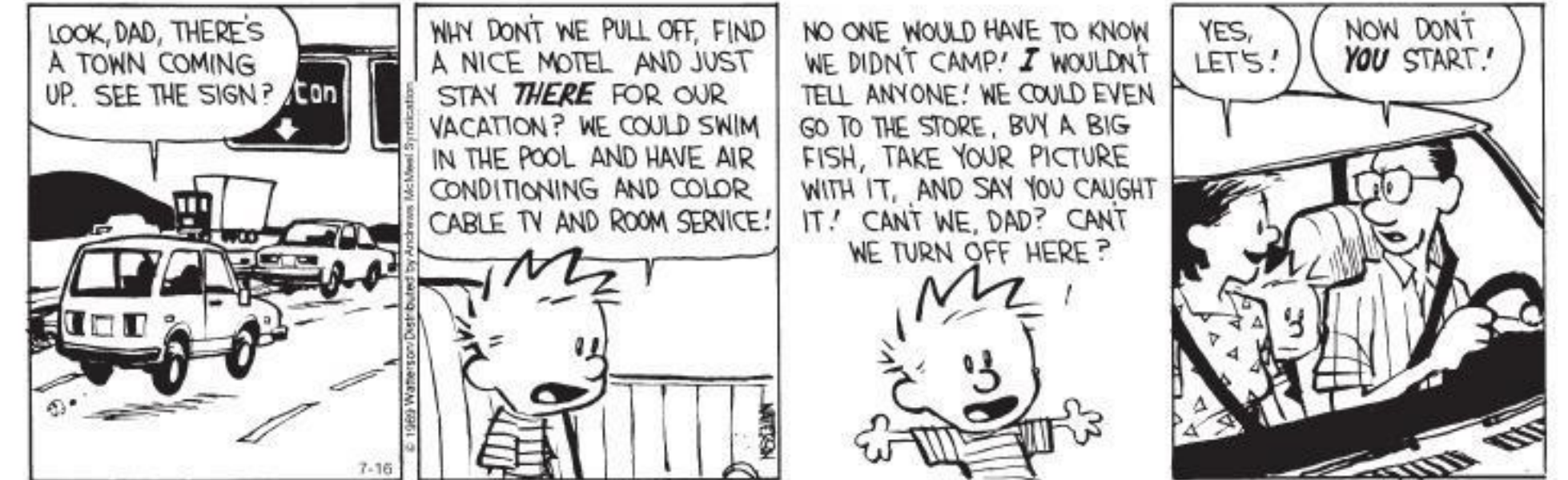
- ACROSS**
- 1 Temporarily stop working on hedge (3,3)
  - 4 Run or climb up it (6)
  - 9 Greek letter included impolite name for ex-premier (7)
  - 10 Does nothing to correct the slide (5)
  - 11 Pained expression (5)
  - 12 Afternoon meal served by airlines? (4,3)
  - 13 More than mere business acquaintances (4,7)
  - 18 Incorrect ruling for a rugby formation? (4-3)
  - 20 This dance can go wild (5)
  - 22 A creditor I would shortly make bitter (5)
  - 23 Getting on in life (7)
  - 24 Possibly seated, and quite composed (6)
  - 25 They also multiply, naturally (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 All the commotion could have grave consequences (6)
  - 2 Old friends are unlikely to meet at this club (5)
  - 3 A precious possession one is not bound to have (7)
  - 5 Imitating the sound of a bullet? (5)
  - 6 Not straight (7)
  - 7 A car's crashed and left by a villain (6)
  - 8 Writer is about to restrict the powers that be (11)
  - 14 Paid no attention to negroid development (7)
  - 15 Didn't make a message plain (7)
  - 16 Folds in the cloth result in plates being broken (6)
  - 17 Possibly strays in the woods (6)
  - 19 Rumour I don't put out (2,3)
  - 21 Steel or brass (5)

**Solutions Crossword 3917:** Across: 1 Apostle, 8 Hot on the trail, 9 Siege, 10 Melanie, 11 Chaste, 12 Campus, 15 Lie-abad, 17 Avast, 19 Infant prodigy, 20 Gates, 21 Sleight. Down: 1 Ashes, 2 On the face of it, 3 Tangent, 4 Exhume, 5 Petal, 6 Plain speaking, 7 Tellers, 11 Calling, 13 A la mode, 14 Adopts, 16 Banns, 18 Tryst.

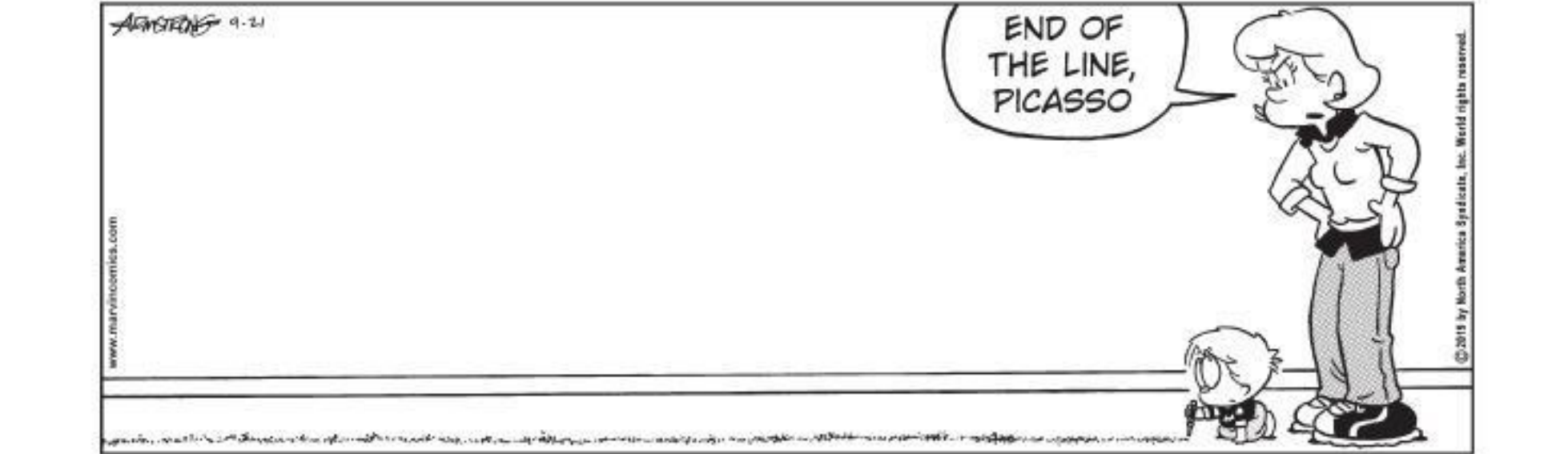
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 3979

**Difficulty Level 3s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3978



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
You can now begin to feel a great deal more confident as far as joint financial arrangements are concerned. All may not be sweetness and light, but at least there will be a willingness to reach agreement. And that, it has to be said, is an excellent start.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
Contrary to your sign's supposedly conventional nature, you have some quite individual and unusual aspirations. Today, you must strike out on your own, forging a unique path to the future. In fact, that's advice I'd give you most days over the present remarkable time.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
After today, romantic arrangements may begin to come unstuck, perhaps because friends start standing up for themselves. In some cases, this may be a relief, while in others you will be offered plenty of opportunities to correct any misunderstandings.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
You will now be seeing that there is much to be gained from taking a creative approach, developing your individual talents, rejecting pointless social constraints and letting your special form of spontaneity flow. You're also hitting an adventurous phase, by the way, so you'll soon be considering options and alternatives that you never thought were for you.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
What can you do when the stars indicate that you're still in a costly phase? Probably no more than pay up when the bills come rolling in. However, you should have taken steps by now to boost your earnings. Also, if a relationship still seems like an uphill struggle, then give it a few more weeks before you decide to get fed up.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
You can now afford to look forward to a rest, even though there'll be moments when you feel as if you are still rushing along at breakneck speed, sweeping all lesser mortals and beings aside. However, it seems to be the case that much of your energy actually comes from other people and perhaps from a new partnership.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
The Moon will cheer you up, especially when it forms some very helpful celestial relationships to parts of your chart which stimulate your vivid imagination. If all goes according to plan, this could be the time when you hear some welcome and very overdue news.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
You may leave more stressful issues until tomorrow and concentrate on home and family arrangements. It's an ideal moment for discussing plans and finalising agreements, especially if money is on your mind, and particularly if you're prepared for the unknown.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
Events that take place at the end of the week should clear away a lot of the debris, emotional and otherwise, at home. Until then, press ahead with whatever ambitious professional projects are in the pipeline and make sure that everyone you needs to know what you're up to, does know.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Pull every string you can if you want to sustain your position at work or in the community. You may, though, be obliged to put certain important matters on the back-burner for the next fortnight. But your judgment will have to be impeccable — nothing less will do.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
Although there have been times when you have felt isolated and excluded from what seems to be going on all around you, other people should now be in a position to reassure you. Listen closely to what partners are trying to say, especially if cash considerations are looming around the corner.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
Your long-term financial plans may now have to be reconsidered. The reason is not clear, and may be no more than that you have decided on one sort of investment suiting your purposes much better than another. But an additional factor is that a team enterprise could add to your funds.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Every happiness is a \_\_\_ to \_\_\_. - Arthur Helps (7...7)



SOLUTION: Every happiness is a **hostage** to **fortune**. - Arthur Helps

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**कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता**  
**महानदी गोदावरी कछार, रायपुर, (छ.ग.)**

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सिस्टम निविदा क्र 56145/निविदा सूचना क्र. 01/वल्ले/2019-20  
छुईखदान, दिनांक 18.09.2019

निम्नलिखित कार्यो के लिए दिनांक 09.10.2019 17.30 तक ऑन लाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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अनुमानित लागत : **रु. 421.40 लाख**

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नोट: निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु ठेकेदारों को ई-प्रॉक्वोरमेंट-वेबसाईट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर नामांकित/पंजीयन तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग की एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत ठेकेदार को उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीयन कराना अनिवार्य है।

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**Tender No. 5365/TNPESU/RS/BioMech. Lab. Equip/2019 24.09.2019**

**TENDER NOTICE**  
Sealed Tenders (Whole or Part) are invited under **TWO-BID** System from reputed Manufacturers/Authorized Representatives/Distributors of Manufactures for **SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND LAYING OF SYNTHETIC TRACK/SPORTS SURFACE** for CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS BIOMECHANICS LAB at the University. Bidders can download the complete set of bidding documents, detailed tender notification and specification from the University website [www.tnpesu.org](http://www.tnpesu.org)

**Date of Pre-Bid Conference : 23.10.2019 @ 11.00 hrs**  
**Last date/time of receipt of bids : 07.11.2019 @ 17.30 hrs**  
**Tender will be opened : 08.11.2019 @ 11.00 hrs**

**Dr. V.Gopinath Registrar**  
DIPR/3312/TENDER/2019

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Date: 24/09/2019

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**e-Procurement Notice**

1. e-Tender No. : IRCON/2067/KG/Balance Work-LKR to SHK/Tender/2019/07 Dated: 23.09.2019  
**Name of Work-** Open e-Tenders in two packet system "Balance work for Construction of Station Buildings, Signalling Complexes, Platforms, extension of FOBs, Circulating area, Approach roads, Provision of passenger amenities, PF fencing & other miscellaneous works between Luckeesar (excluding) to Sheikhpura (including) in connection with Kiul - Gaya rail line Doubling Project."

**Estimated Cost of the work : ₹ 23.281 Crores**  
**Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission : Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 04.11.2019**

2. e-Tender No. : IRCON/2067/KG/Balance Work-SHK to WES/Tender/2019/08 Dated: 23.09.2019  
**Name of Work-** Open e-Tenders in two packet system "Balance work for Construction of Station Buildings, Signalling Complexes, Platforms, extension of FOBs, Circulating area, Approach roads, Provision of passenger amenities, PF fencing & other miscellaneous works between Sheikhpura (excluding) to Warsiiganj (including) in connection with Kiul - Gaya rail line Doubling Project."

**Estimated Cost of the work : ₹ 19.406 Crores**  
**Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission : Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 04.11.2019**

For further details and updates, visit website <https://www.etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the above website.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 invites e-tender under **Single Packet System** for the under noted work:-

1. **Name of work and location** Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Ghaziabad-Road Over Bridge at Dhoi Ghat in lieu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in lieu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhi harsaru on DLI-RE section.

2. **Completion period of the work** 9 Months

3. **Approx. Cost of work** Rs. 64,47,789.97/-

4. **Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)** Rs. 1,29,000/-

5. **Date & Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender** Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on date 16.10.2019 on IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 16.10.2019.

6. **Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document** The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in) and tender document is available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) on 02.10.2019 to 16.10.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 302 Mod.- Dy.CEE/C/NDLS/2018-19(R4) Dated: .09.2019 3065/2019

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. 07**

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Scrap Rail and other scrap P.Way material, Used lead Acid Batteries/ Used oil/Refused oil will be sold only to recyclers registered with State Pollution Control Board. **Auction programme is as under:-**

E-Auction programme for Oct., 2019						
S. No.	Depots/ Divisions	Rounds (Time: 10:00 AM)				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1	Alambagh Lucknow	1	9	15	22	29
2	Shakurbasti	1	9	15	22	29
3	Jagadhari Workshop	1	9	15	22	29
6	Sr.DMM/Ambala	1	9	15	22	29
5	Sr.DMM/Moradabad	1	9	15	22	29
4	Sr.DMM/Firozpur	3	10	17	24	31
7	Sr.DMM/Lucknow	3	10	17	24	31
8	Sr.DMM/Delhi	3	10	17	24	31

The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working hours at nominated locations. 2. To participate in e-auction, purchasers need to get themselves registered with The details on last sold rates in auctions are available at [www.railnet.gov.in](http://www.railnet.gov.in). 3. ireps. For further details regarding registration and other conditions of e-auction, please visit Railway website '[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)'. No.: 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2019-20 Dated: 17.09.2019. 3020/2019

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**SEARCH FOR UNKNOWN**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Gayatri D/o Megnath R/o Unknown**. Who was found out side of P.S Subzi Mandi, Delhi and Shifted to Kilkari Rainbow home, Kashmir Gate Delhi. In this regard, a case **DD No. 19-B dated 26.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi**. The description of the Unknown girl is as under.

**Age:** 16 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'4, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Red colour suit & sky blue salwar. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out about her residence/parents but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the residence/parents of unknown girl then please inform P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**

**Sd/- S.H.O.**  
**P.S. Subzi Mandi Delhi**  
**Ph. 011-23823161**

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**SEARCH OF MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Pravesh, **S/o:** Sh. Daya Singh, **R/o:** H.No. B-1384, Gali No. 5-A, B-Block, Baba Colony, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi, **Aged:** 26 years, has been missing from his house since 06.08.2019 vide **DD No. 35-A, Dated 10.08.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Burari, Delhi**. His physical description is as under:

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'5" Feet, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Blue Colour Shirt, Blue Jeans Pant and White Hawai Chappal in his feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Burari, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641

**S.H.O.**  
**P.S. Burari, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-27616844**

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**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General Public is hereby informed that one unknown of male, Age about 40 years, Height 5'2", Complexion Shallow, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing Bhagwa colour ghoti was found unconscious condition at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, Gate No. 4, Emergency Parking and admitted in LNH staff on 16.09.19 and declared brought dead by doctor. In this regard a DD No. 89-A dated 16.09.19 has been lodged at PS I.P. Estate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Moulana Azad Medical Collage Mortuary for 72 hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.

**SHO**  
**PS: I.P. Estate, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 23370928, 23232294, 23378474**

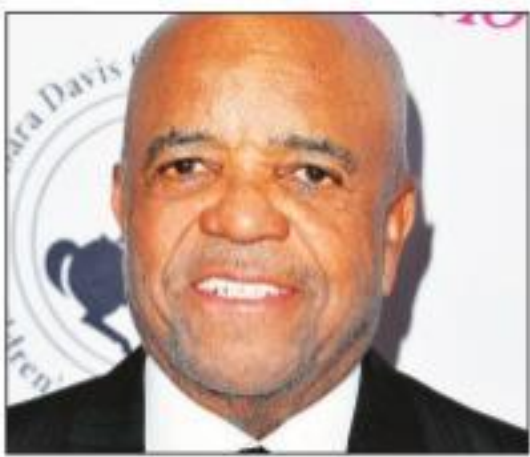
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# 19 TALK

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## SNAP SHOTS



### Taking a Bow

FAMOUS PRODUCER and songwriter Berry Gordy (pictured), founder of Motown Records, who kickstarted the career of many stars like Diana Ross, Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder, has announced his retirement at 89. A native of Detroit, Gordy had brought the world closer to soul, funk and R&B music, where his works often surpassed racial barriers. At Motown's recent 60th anniversary event in Detroit, Gordy was bestowed with the Motown Legacy Award by director Lee Daniels.



### Stroke of Genius

ACTRESS SANYA MALHOTRA (pictured) of *Dangal* fame has been roped in to play the on-screen daughter of Vidya Balan — Anupama Banerji — in Anu Menon's upcoming biopic on Shakuntala Devi. The film zooms in on the life of the mathematical wizard, essayed by Balan, who was called a "human computer" because of her remarkable ability to solve difficult math problems. The film will hit the theatres next year.



### Into the Wild

MODELS WEARING giraffe, zebra, leopard and parrot print dresses and skirts, sashayed down the runway and made heads turn as Italian label Dolce and Gabbana showcased their Spring/Summer 2020 women's wear at the Milan Fashion Week. Animal designs found their way in most of the 120 looks offered by the luxury fashion house — from silky short shirts and skirts to dresses, bustier tops, jackets and coats.

### Women of Substance

A NEW book, *Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules* (Scholastic), by author Neha J Hiranandani will detail the achievements and hardships of 50 inspiring Indian women, ranging from a priest, an octogenarian sharpshooter, a warrior princess and a spy. Its pages, peppered with illustrations by Niloufer Wadia, will feature actor Priyanka Chopra, Olympic medalist PV Sindhu, social worker Subhasini Mistry, who worked as domestic help before earning the Padma Shri for her contribution to healthcare, alongside historical figures like Abbakka, a queen of Chowta dynasty, who defeated the Portuguese six times.

# 'Indian magic history hasn't been fully explored'

Australian author John Zubrzycki on his book *Jadoowallahs, Jugglers and Jinns*, decoding Indian magic and why times are depressing for magicians

TANUSHREE GHOSH

FASCINATION WITH India and exoticisation went hand-in-hand in the early 19th-20th century," says 61-year-old Australian author John Zubrzycki, who was so besotted by the country that he returned time and again. Last year Zubrzycki wrote his third book, *The Empire of Enchantment*, a solid compendium of Indian magic history, published in India as *Jadoowallahs, Jugglers and Jinns* (Pan Macmillan). The former diplomat and journalist was in conversation at the 10th edition of the Mountains Echoes festival in Bhutan. Excerpts from an interview:

#### How did you chance upon India and Indian magic?

I came to India after completing school. I later studied South Asian history and Hindi. I came back as a foreign correspondent and was studying the country's culture, politics, society, which led me to write. A chance remark at a dinner party about an Australian magician, dressed up as a Chinaman, who performed in Australia in the early 1900s, got me intrigued. Research showed that he, Chung Ling Soo, was actually an American. His main rival, Ching Ling Foo, was a real Chinese magician, but the American was so good at pretending, that everybody thought that the real Chinese magician was the fake one. I was fascinated with this cross-cultural confluence of performance magic. I came across various extraordinary characters — The Fakir of Oolu, The Fakir of Shiva, The Fakir of Simla, none of whom were Indians but appropriated Indian magic in their shows. The history of Indian magic, I realised, has never been explored fully. It was my second book *The Mysterious Mr Jacob: Diamond Merchant, Magician and Spy* (2011), about Jacob who dabbled in magic and sold the Jacob diamond to the sixth Nizam, that got me interested in Indian magic. I realised it had a long, rich history.

#### Did Indian magic contribute to Western magic?

The roots of most magic could be traced to the East — the Far East, Egypt, and India. Indian magicians were performing in ancient Rome. An Indian conjuring manual was translated into Arabic in the Abbasid caliphate in the 10th century. There's a theory that the gypsies of Europe came from India, and a lot of them did sleight-of-hand tricks.

#### Was Motilal Nehru, the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty patriarch, India's PT Barnum?

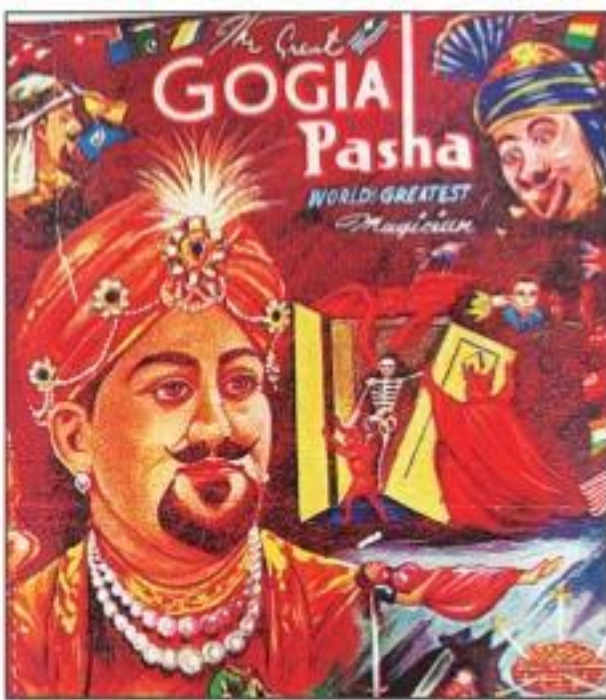
In the Bombay archives, I found that Motilal Nehru recruited and sent a troupe of 60 Indian magicians, including one from Delhi's Kathputli Colony, to the Paris Exposition in 1900. It's fascinating that nobody knew about it. He did it because there was a lot of money to be made. Many such magicians sent abroad to perform at fairs were dumped on the streets afterwards and had to be repatriated because of a huge exploitative trade.

#### Was Kuda Bux the first Indian mentalist?

Kuda Bux was from Kashmir and famous for two tricks: firewalking, and X-ray eyes, in the late '30s. He could read off a book and see things despite a fully bandaged face. Roald Dahl's *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar* (1977) is based on his life.

#### The famous Indian magician Gogia Pasha gets attention in your book. Are you also writing his biography?

After *Jadoowallah...*, his family asked me to do his biography (to be published by Speaking Tiger). There's almost nothing in the public domain about Pasha, whose life was a rich tape-



John Zubrzycki (above); a Gogia Pasha poster — it was typical of its kind in the '50s Photo courtesy: John Zubrzycki

stry of drama and fighting the odds against the backdrop of the Partition. After PC Sorcar Sr, he was India's best-known magician.

#### Tell us about their great rivalry.

In 1860s and 70s, magic was done by traditional groups, some of them from the lower castes. When Indians realised that you could pick up a Western magic manual, journals or book and do a card or rope trick by yourself, they started doing it. They came from more educated and westernised elite backgrounds and read English. Some took it up as a hobby, some as profession. Some, like PC Sorcar Sr and Gogia Pasha, went abroad and were on a par with the best Western magicians.

Multan-born Pasha made his career in India. He was also called the Gili Gili Man (Gili Gili was Egyptian for magic). Pasha appropriated the persona of an Egyptian magician, and, perhaps, that's why his main rival Sorcar Senior didn't consider him to be Indian. Pasha had a fantastic sense of humour, danced with musicians on stage, conducted levitation, and performed magic for Hitler once. Sorcar Sr called himself the world's greatest magician before he even left Bengal. Sorcar wasn't a particularly good magician, he was a great showman and publicist and had a huge ego. Glorified among Indians, Sorcar received the Padma Shri (in 1964), but people didn't know

about the other story of how ruthless he was towards his rivals. He put Indian magic on the world map, but so did Pasha. Sorcar's career was mediocre until he appeared live on TV in England in 1956. He was saving his assistant in half, when the programme presenter said, 'we've run out of time'. He left his assistant sawed in half on stage. He knew if the show was terminated at that point, he would get the publicity he was craving for.

#### In the world of magic, women have mostly been used as props. Historically, who are the women in magic?

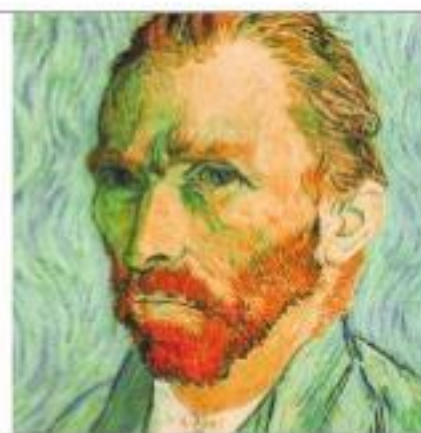
Sadly, there aren't that many. In India, there's PC Sorcar Sr's granddaughter, Maneka. There was a French magician, a female fakir, Koringa, whose signature act was hypnotising crocodiles. Mostly, women were into crystal-ball gazing and mind-reading.

#### Magicians are vulnerable. The recent death of Jadugar Mandrake in Hooghly river shows that.

The act went wrong. It is a depressing state for magicians. It forces people like Mandrake to do more spectacular, dangerous things. Magic is very competitive. French magician John Eugene Robert-Houdin — after whom (Harry) Houdini named himself — said, 'a magician was an actor playing the part of a magician'. To be a magician, you need to be a good actor, and convince the audience that you're doing real magic.

#### You are also working on a book on Maharani Gayatri Devi?

I'm writing on the Jaipur royal family. Gayatri Devi is just one part of the story, and although she is the most written and talked about of the Jaipur royals, there's much about her life that has never been told. The narrative non-fiction (by Juggernaut) will cover the last century.



### MAN OF MANY WORDS

Hoping to dispel the image of Dutch artist Van Gogh as being neglected and in pain is the new exhibition 'Van Gogh's Inner Circle: Friends, Family, Models' at the Noordbrabants Museum, Netherlands. Over 100 objects, including letters and paintings, are on display.



## Small Screen Goddesses

Women, in all their imperfections, got their long-due moment in the sun at the Emmys this year

EKTAA MALIK

NO... OH MY GOD. No. Thank you. I find acting really hard and really painful. But it's all about this," said Phoebe Waller-Bridge in her acceptance speech, at the Primetime Emmy award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series. The disbelief was etched on her face as the Microsoft Theatre, where the awards were held, resonated with peals of laughter, the speech could very well be a part of her path-breaking show, which had a total of 11 nominations. "Thank you to be nominated with these unbelievable actresses whom I have just looked up to and watched and laughed at, for so many years," she continued.

Waller-Bridge, who played the eponymous Fleabag and is the creator of the show, took home not just the Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series award, but also Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series and Outstanding Comedy Series.

It began at the Fringe festival in 2013, where *Fleabag* was a one-woman act. Waller-Bridge's triumph marks a watershed moment for the small screen. Women, in all their imperfections, quirks and idiosyncratic selves are finally having their long-due moment where mainstream storytelling is concerned. Here there is a woman, who is messy, doesn't fit into the said conventions of society, and is initially quite unlikeable. But by the time Season 2 rolled out, *Fleabag* was a household name and the bond that the audience formed with her, as she broke the fourth wall, was sacrosanct. "I feel people have been scared to write characters like these. But I think, now, especially women, are so relieved to have this new template. And aren't we all a bit of everything? The morning can start out with us being a chaste princess, and by the afternoon we can be the Gremlin whore. We are all very different things in the same day, and at the same time. I feel, weirdly, that it felt less brave to not do that now. It's been pouring out of me, this need to project multi-dimensional women as we are. We can be celebrated, and at the same time, do things that are potentially unforgivable. Then we let the audience decide." Waller-Bridge had said in an interview to *The Indian Express* earlier this year.

*Fleabag*, and by proxy, Waller-Bridge, displaced Julia-Louis Dreyfus, who, with her stellar performance and six consecutive Primetime Emmy Award wins for *Veep*, had blazed the trail for women in comedy. And well, no other woman on screen can abuse the way Dreyfus did. Her profanity, combined with her lack of a maternal instinct, was uncharted territory, yet it struck gold for comedy.

*Killing Eve*, another offering from the Waller-Bridge stable was nominated in five categories, and walked off with the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series, which was won by Jodie Comer.

Comer essays Villanelle, a psychopathic assassin. Five years ago, one couldn't have imagined that the character of a female assassin would have been written with such empathy and would garner such appreciation, much less rake in prestigious awards. Alex Borstein, who won the Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her portrayal of Susie Myerson, too, broke the mould. Her abrasive, blunt and off-handish character, replete with the newspaper hat and suspenders is a complete juxtaposition to the job at hand — being Mrs Maisel's manager.

In all likelihood, one would have seen all the nominated shows for this year's award season, but don't lose hope. We'll be looking out for *Russian Doll*, which should arrive full force by next year's award season. And if you are really missing the antics of Waller-Bridge, search for *Crashing*, her earlier work.



Phoebe Waller-Bridge (top) and Jodie Comer with their Emmys Agencies

# The Whiff of Home

At the heart of artist Debasish Mukherjee's exhibition, 'River Song', is childhood nostalgia and an intense longing for home

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

WHILE GROWING up Debasish Mukherjee would often embark upon the yearly ritual of visiting his grandmother's house in Varanasi during summer holidays. In her house, he'd stand in front of her wardrobe and stare in awe. Enchanted by how his *dida's* cupboard had varieties of white saris only, folded beautifully and stacked together, he wondered why they were deprived of colour. The reason dawned upon him much later in life — a young girl, the third wife of his grandfather,



she was widowed at the age of 29.

Mukherjee, who studied fine arts at Banaras Hindu University, and is now an artist and creative head of a leading fashion label, has put together a tall pile of similar-looking white fabrics, one on top of another, much like his *dida's* saris, in *Portrait 1* at Akar Prakar gallery. The pile bears black and white digital print of a little girl — a jewelled "Kumari" as he prefers to call her. On the other side is the portrait of an old widow.

Mukherjee's latest solo 'River Song' is a walk down his memory lane, as he reminisces about childhood and longing for home



(From left) *Portrait 1* by Debasish Mukherjee; *River Song*

through 31 works comprising sculptures and installations. Speaking about his choice of sticking to white fabric for his artwork, he says, "I don't agree with this theory of widowhood. In earlier times, widows were not



allowed to eat non-vegetarian or certain pulses like masoor dal because it used to generate heat in the body. These are disturbing reasons. How can you humiliate somebody who has already lost her husband? And you

expect that person to be humiliated by every person of the family their whole life?" Mukherjee says that his mother wears and eats what she wishes to, despite losing her husband, unlike previous generations that grew up in the Indian heartland.

The past carries as important a role in Mukherjee's oeuvre as his last show, 'The Museum Within' at the same gallery in 2016, revolved around the country's heritage sites in a state of neglect. His works carry a deep sigh of longing, and many times are inspired by the years he spent in the railway colony in his hometown Chhapra, Bihar. In his *Portrait of a Tree*, made by twisting pleated cloth, he recreates the silhouette of a tree that once stood in front of his childhood house. Perched atop, many neighbourhood children would watch Ramanand Sagar's *Ramayan* on Doordarshan by peeping through his window. "Not every house had a television then," says Mukherjee.

The idea, according to the artist, stemmed from the space of one's origin and then missing that space after moving out. Looking back at his 22 years in Chhapra, the Delhi-based artist says, "It's very strange when you are

born and brought up in a particular place and it is not your house. One day you realise it was a quarter and you have to leave and you can't come back here."

Chhapra, linked with the trade of saltpetre and indigo, was a melting pot for the British, Portuguese and Dutch in the 18th century, who set up their trading stations there. He breathes life into the 22 circular discs made from cloth stretched out on embroidery hoop frames, and creates an uneven surface resembling the crooked lines on our palms, in *22 Moons*. He also mimics the flow of a river in *River Song*, made out of untangling white cotton ropes and weaving them together to make them look like a traditional white and red Bengali sari. A large streak of red runs through its centre. This, for him, is an ode to his mother, whom he had seen wearing the vermilion since he was a child. "When I see my mother, the *sindoor* is one thing that she would always put. I never saw her without the *sindoor* till my father passed away in 2016," he says.

The exhibition is at D 43, Defence Colony, till October 4



## FIFA chief urges action after racist abuse halts Serie A game

**AFP/REUTERS**  
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FIFA PRESIDENT Gianni Infantino has said the problem of racism in Italian football has “not improved” after a Serie A match between Atalanta and Fiorentina was halted for several minutes because of racist abuse of Brazilian Dalbert.

Fiorentina defender Dalbert, 26, asked the referee to halt play after half an hour at the Stadio Ennio Tardini until a warning statement was read out by the stadium speaker to jeers and whistles from the Atalanta fans.

Play resumed after three minutes with visitors Fiorentina leading 1-0 after a goal from Federico Chiesa. “In Italy the situation has not improved and this is serious,” Infantino told the Italian Rai2 channel. “Racism is fought through education, condemning it, talking about it, we cannot accept racism in society and in football.

“We have to identify those responsible and throw them out of the stadiums, we need clear sentences, as in England, we must not be afraid to condemn the racists, we must fight them to the end.”

Since the beginning of the season, Inter Milan’s Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku and AC Milan’s Ivorian midfielder Franck Kessie have been targeted by monkey cries during league games without any sanction being taken. Last season, Blaise Matuidi, Kalidou Koulibaly and Moise Kean were also victims of the problem which has been recurring for years in Italy.

Atalanta issued a statement “disassociating” itself from racist chants by its fans, while several prominent figures in Italy on Monday applauded a decision to halt the club’s Serie A game because of the abuse.

However, the Italian league’s judge announced on Monday that he has yet to decide whether Atalanta warrants punishment. Judge Gerardo Mastrandrea said in his weekly disciplinary report that Dalbert needs to be interviewed before his decision is made.

“Concerning the suspension of the Atalanta-Fiorentina match, the club disassociates itself from any type of discrimination that might have occurred,” Atalanta said. “Atalanta, along with its supporters and fans, is and will always be a mouthpiece for the values of solidarity and equality. The stupidity of a few needs to be combated together and we believe that it has neither colours nor jerseys. It needs to be isolated.”

Napoli coach Carlo Ancelotti applauded Orsato’s decision: “It’s a step forward and others will be needed but this is the way forward. ... We need to be tough in applying the rules that are there. And we have the advantage of many TV cameras inside the stadiums.”

### National teams sanctioned

Hungary and Slovakia will play their next Euro 2020 qualifiers behind closed doors after both national federations were sanctioned by European football’s governing body UEFA on Monday for racist behaviour by their supporters.

### INTERVIEW: AMIT PANGHAL

# ‘I cover points in later rounds, but the impression of the 1st round stays on’

**GAURAV BHATT**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

ON SATURDAY, Amit Panghal got India its first silver from a men’s boxing World Championship. The 23-year-old, however, has been watching the 52kg final, that he lost to Uzbek Olympic champion Shakhobidin Zoirov, almost on loop. Panghal spoke with The Indian Express, sharing his thoughts on the final — specifically the 5-0 unanimous decision — whether there’s a need to change his strategy of leaving things for the later rounds, and the doping violation from 2012. *Excerpts:*

**Is the disappointment of losing the final bigger than the satisfaction of becoming India’s first men’s Worlds silver medallist?**

Absolutely. I am very proud of this achievement. But if I had won the gold medal, the level of happiness would have been much more. I know all my friends and family are celebrating.

But imagine if I had returned as a champion, there would have been a bigger satisfaction. Because somewhere that thing will always remain that ‘okay, he has made the country proud, but he got a silver’. It is that feeling which will drive me now, because I didn’t get any satisfaction.

**Did you watch the final again? What went wrong?**

I spent the whole night watching it. The coaches too couldn’t understand the scoring. It was a close bout, maybe the scoreline could’ve been 3-2. But giving him so much confidence with a 5-0 verdict wasn’t right. The decision could’ve been 3-2 in my favour too, because I attacked well in the second and third rounds.

The first round I lost, but that’s because my plan is always to take time and figure the opponent out. There must have been some kind of pressure behind this decision. Uzbeks are generally always promoted. Even if they’re losing cleanly to Cuban boxers, it would never be a 5-0 loss. *Ye meri samajh nahi aa raha hai* (I can’t understand this).

**And this isn’t just you talking as a boxer who lost?**

No, I don’t believe that I was defeated. *Mujhe harwa diya, ya chalo agar main haar bhi gaya* (I was made to lose, or even if I lost) I can’t now be content thinking ‘okay, well I lost’. I ran into (Rio 49kg Olympic champion Hasanboy) Dumatov four times. If I run into this guy again, I have to be at my best and this time win clearly.

As a boxer, you can never take any opponent lightly. *Kiski body chal jaaye kis din pata nahi hota* (you never know who is in better shape on any given day).

There should never be any excuses for a loss. Even in the final, I gave my 100 per cent. Whatever the result was, I demoralised him. I kept the pressure on him... Even later, boxers from other countries... even the Uzbek supporters were giving me a thumbs up. ‘You won’, they said. Boxers from other countries,



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who have got nothing to do with me, were asking for photos with me. ‘You’re the world champion’. That’s not a small thing. This gives me confidence, that the next time this guy is against me, I am not going to let it be. I will put even more pressure on him.

**Do you think it’s time to change the strategy of taking the first round slow and figuring out the opponent?**

I might have to change it a little. In the main bouts, against strong countries, I lose the first round. I cover the points in the later rounds, but the impression of the first round stays on the second as well. I think we would have to switch it up a little. Attack from the first round and continue till the last round. I usually pull my plan off but in the final... I don’t know if the impression from his first round was too good, or if there was any pressure of him being an Uzbek... an Olympic champion. I even asked the coaches to watch the

**Whatever he (doctor) gave me, after that I went to the camp and tested positive. It was my first overseas tour, and the first time I was going through the anti-doping process. Once I told them that this was the medication I took, the ban got reduced to one year.”**

bout in front of me. ‘Imagine the two boxers are from neutral countries and then score the fight’. They said this fight is Amit’s, even if it’s a 3-2 decision. For the other guy to win 5-0 doesn’t make sense. And we aren’t even going to believe that that was the case.

**The number 2 seeding helped you in the World Championship draw. But there wouldn’t be seeds in the Olympic qualifiers next February?**

You can’t focus on the draw. We have to give our 100 per cent, from the first round to the last. Be it against Dumatov, Zoirov. We practise for big fights and there’s no point hoping to hide from them.

**National coach CS Kuttappa recalled the days of you being a latecomer or running away from the camp? Would you like to present your case?**

I was never late for the training sessions (laughs). This is about the time when I was-



### DRIVING BAN FOR WARNE

Australian spin legend Shane Warne has been banned from driving for 12 months after he was found guilty of over speeding for the sixth time in two years.The 50-year-old pleaded guilty for driving at 47mph in a 40mph zone.

### BRIEFLY

## Underperforming Bairstow left out of England Test squad

*London:* England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow has been left out of the squad for the two-test series in New Zealand but included in the Twenty20 squad for the tour that begins in November, the country’s cricket board (ECB) said on Monday. The 29-year-old Bairstow scored 214 runs in this year’s drawn Ashes series, averaging just below 24 in the five tests, with only one half-century to his name in 10 innings. Jos Buttler is expected to keep wicket while Ollie Pope, who last played a test in August 2018, is set for a back-up role. Jason Roy, who struggled during the Ashes with 110 runs in eight innings, was not named in either squad, while all-rounder Ben Stokes, Buttler, Mark Wood, Jofra Archer, Liam Plunkett and Chris Woakes will sit out the T20 series. Four uncapped players — Dominic Sibley, Zak Crawley, Matthew Parkinson and Saqib Mahmood — have been called up to the test squad. Sibley, who scored 1,324 runs in the County Championship, is expected to compete for an opening spot, while Crawley earned his place after scoring 820 runs. **AFP**

## Lahiri cards 69 to finish tied 45th

*Jackson (US):* Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri rounded off the week with a three-under 69 to end Tied-45th at the Sanderson Farms Championship here. In the final round, Lahiri had a fine start with four birdies in first seven holes including birdies from 22 feet, 18 feet and 11 feet. But he then bogeyed ninth. He had another birdie on 14th and yet another putt dropped from over 16 feet to get to five-under. Then a missed chance from 11 feet and another inside five feet.

A week after producing its first winner from Chile, the PGA Tour got its first winner from Colombia, as Sebastián Muñoz made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff, and then beat Sungjae Im with a par on the first extra hole to win the title. **PTI**

## Kvitova, Sabalenka through to last 16

*Wuhan:* Twice Wuhan Open champion Petra Kvitova and holder Aryna Sabalenka moved into the last-16 after recording straight sets victories in the second round on Monday. Czech Kvitova, who won the title in 2014 and 2016, needed one break in the second set against Slovenia’s Polona Herczog to wrap up the match 7-6(6) 6-3 after the opener went with serve. Although Kvitova had six double faults, the world number seven won 75% of her first service points and also saved two break points to win in one hour and 42 minutes. Kvitova will play either former U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens, seeded 10th, or Wang Yafan of China in the next round. Belarusian Sabalenka advanced with a 6-1 6-0 victory over Danielle Collins, dispatching the American in 51 minutes. **PTI**

# A nemesis slayed, Vinesh eyes Tokyo conquest

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OF ALL the reasons that made her wary of changing weight categories at the start of the year, one bothered Vinesh Phogat the most. “Sofia Mattsson,” she sighed. “There was this thing in my mind... that I won’t shift to 53kg because Sofia is there.”

Mattsson is among the all-time greats in women’s wrestling. There isn’t a lot she hasn’t won. The 29-year-old Swede has an Olympic bronze, six World Championship medals including a gold, and seven European Championship medals. Mattsson’s medal-winning reputation precedes her.

Her mere presence in the draw has a psychological impact on opponents. Including Vinesh, who last week won her first World Championship medal – a bronze – and booked an Olympic quota.

“She is a multiple World Championship medallist; a Rio Olympics medallist... a very strong opponent. The achievements of other wrestlers are small compared to hers,” Vinesh said. “I have always thought of ways to beat her because she is a very good and experienced wrestler.”

For this reason, the Indian picked her first round win over the Swede as the best bout in her bronze medal-winning campaign at Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan, last week. Vinesh had defeated Mattsson just last month at a tournament in Poland. Yet, there was a tinge of anxiety when the two were paired opposite each other at the World Championship.

Vinesh, however, executed her gameplan to perfection, outclassing the Olympic medallist 13-0 and winning the contest on technical superiority.

The win, Vinesh said, came as reassurance that she can compete in the 53kg category that has a highly-talented ensemble of wrestlers. “To beat her with such a margin... It was my best bout of the World Championship,” Vinesh said. “I had defeated her before but that was just 4-0 and anything



**World Championships bronze-medal winner Vinesh Phogat and two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar during a promotional event in New Delhi. PTI**

could’ve happened in that match. But this time, it was one-sided. It was a relief.”

India returned from the World Championships with five medals (one silver, four bronze) and four quotas for the 2020 Olympics. Vinesh was the only Indian woman who punched her ticket to Tokyo at Nur Sultan. For that, she had to overcome a minefield of a draw. Mattsson was her first opponent, followed by a Japanese world champion and the reigning world number 1.

Asked of her first thoughts upon seeing the draw, Vinesh said: “To be honest, I enjoy competing against top wrestlers. It’s not like I feel, ‘oh god, she should’ve been in the other half of the draw so that my medal gets easier.’ I just want to fight and give my best. I don’t want any regrets later. That’s something I’ve learnt after my injury (suffered at the Rio

Olympics). I don’t look at whether my opponent is from China or Japan.”

### Ghost of Rio

At the Rio Games, Vinesh picked up a freak injury when she dislocated her knee during the quarterfinal against China’s Sun Yanan. The 25-year-old was in tears as she was stretched out of the wrestling hall.

The injury cut short her Olympic dream, which is why 2020 assumes added significance for her.

“That is the reason this quota is more important than the medal. I’ll have a shot at the World Championship again next year but I needed time to prepare for the Olympics. The fact that I’ve won a medal as well, it can’t get better,” Vinesh said on the sidelines of the launch of an eight-team

Kushti Dangal league.

A change in training strategy also contributed to the medal, the Asian Games gold medallist added. While the rest of the Indian contingent travelled to Nur Sultan a fortnight before the World Championship to acclimatise themselves, Vinesh stayed back in India and trained with junior boys at her husband wrestler Somir Rathee’s academy in Kharkhoda, Haryana.

The decision was taken by her coach Woller Akos, who did not want Vinesh’s rivals to get a peek into her strategy and training programme ahead of the big event. Staying close to home, Akos felt, would also keep Phogat ‘mentally fresh’ ahead of the World Championships.

“It was the coach’s plan to stay back. He didn’t want me to travel to another country for training to ensure the others do not spot my weaknesses. Everyone has a weak point not matter how perfect you try to be. He wanted to avoid a scenario where the opponents would see the kind of training drills I’m doing. So he did not want me to travel to Nur Sultan for training. He wanted to surprise the opponents,” Vinesh said.

“Also, if you are away from home, you get bored and disinterested doing the same thing over and over again. The coach did not want that to happen to me. He wanted me to mentally fresh going into the World Championships. If you enter a tournament by preparing in a positive environment, it helps. Staying with my family and training closer to home has helped in that sense.”

The strategy for Tokyo, Vinesh said, is likely to stay the same.

“Ultimately, the coach will decide. I listen to whatever he says: if he says to drink these many glasses of water, I’ll stick to that. Not one glass more,” she said. “I won’t say I won’t go abroad at all. I need to know things about my opponents as well. But when and where you go to train matters a lot. But this time, I didn’t want to leave anything to chance because the World Championship mattered a lot to me.”

# Sushil to compete in more tournaments for ‘mat time’

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VETERAN WRESTLER Sushil Kumar says it was a mistake to head into big tournaments without enough “mat-time” and he will now compete more regularly to revive his sagging career. In a seven-year period, between the 2012 London Olympics and the 2019 World Championships in Nur-Sultan, Sushil competed in only seven tournaments.

While he won gold medals at the 2014 and the 2018 editions of the Commonwealth Games, he struggled at the Jakarta Asian Games leading to questions on whether he was good enough to go any further at 36. He recently started to train with Russian coach Kamal Malikov in a bid to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics through the World Championships.

He did fight better than the Jakarta Games but nonetheless exited after a first-round defeat in the 74kg category. “I lost but I felt good on the mat. I was faster than Jakarta. I was at this Championship just to announce to the world that I am getting back. And even the foreign coaches around said, ‘you look like getting back,’” Sushil told PTI in an interview.

He did show glimpses of the raw talent that made him an Olympic legend, the only one from India with two individual medals, when he twice troubled Azerbaijan’s Khadzhimurad Gadhiyev with four-point throws. “I lack in stamina and defence as of now. My coach Malikov had said he wants 90 day-training to put me back in shape. It’s about 50 days as of now. I had put on weight and I had slowed down too. But today, I have lost weight, I have become faster. The body is in competition mode. My coach says I am better from what I was two years ago,” he said.

Where did he vanish in between? “I thought, I should play only bigger tournaments

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**SUSHIL KUMAR**

but the coach (Malikov) said no, I have to be in competition every month or in every 45 days to have enough mat-time,” he explained.

But why was he not competing often all these years? “Honestly, I did not feel like competing but people who are close to me said, even if I have 10-20 per cent of wrestling left in me, I should not quit. So I decided to train and qualify for the Olympics. I will try to qualify from the Asian event next year,” he said. Talking about Malikov, Sushil said, he is younger than him and that’s why he doubles up as his sparring partner as well. “He is technically, a very sound coach. Every aspect was looked into before finalising the contract with him. He is respected in Russia,” he said. Sushil said while the years of experience behind him make him technically sound, his training methods have changed as he is not young anymore. “As you age, you have to change. I can’t put myself to rigours after a certain age. You can’t break your body. I still love wrestling, so still here,” he said.

“I am doing everything but not going the whole hog. I have to do everything. I have to run, I have to be on the mat, in the gym, do some power training. The coach makes my schedule. And when it’s competition, it’s different training,” he said.

With two Olympic medals and one world title, Sushil has nothing to prove then why is he pushing himself for another Olympics? “I still love wrestling. I have the support of my family and my Guru Mahabali Satpalji. He says, ‘even if you have a 10 per cent of wrestling left in you, you must not leave the mat.”



# Moving it at pace

Swing is Chahar's foremost ally, but his burst of speed now makes him an irresistible proposition

SANDIP G  
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THE FOURTH delivery of Deepak Chahar's second over in the Bangalore T20 cut Quinton de Kock into half. The left-handed South African was shaping up for the punch through the covers, and halfway through the delivery trail, the stroke seemed on, before the ball decked in devilishly after pitching marginally outside the off-stump, and beat the stunned batsman's inside edge, evading the bails by a whisker. It's the stuff of nightmares for left-handed batsmen — the ball that swings late into the pads.

From the moment he burst onto the domestic scene as a sinewy 18-year-old in 2010, Chahar was skilled in swinging the ball either way. Only now, as he frequently reiterates, the addition of pace has envenomed the swing. In a way, the quest for pace and to marry it with swing has been the thread of Chahar's narrative. It's a coming-of-age journey that bears uncanny resemblance with Bhuvneshwar Kumar's, only that the transformation took longer than in the Uttar Pradesh bowler's case and he was ravaged as much by injuries as his insecurities.

The opening scene takes place in Chahar's bedroom at his home in Agra, midway through his sophomore year in domestic cricket. His body was jaundiced and weak. Forget picking up the ball, he could hardly stand on both feet. He spent most of the three months sleeping, but when he wasn't, Chahar was thinking cricket and his dream of playing for his country. But for that, he was well aware, he needed to add a few yards of pace. At that point, he was barely touching 130kmph, though the swing was enough to reap a rich harvest of wickets on the domestic circuit. But swing alone, he realised, wouldn't take him where he wanted to go. But he didn't know how to add the yards of pace he needed.

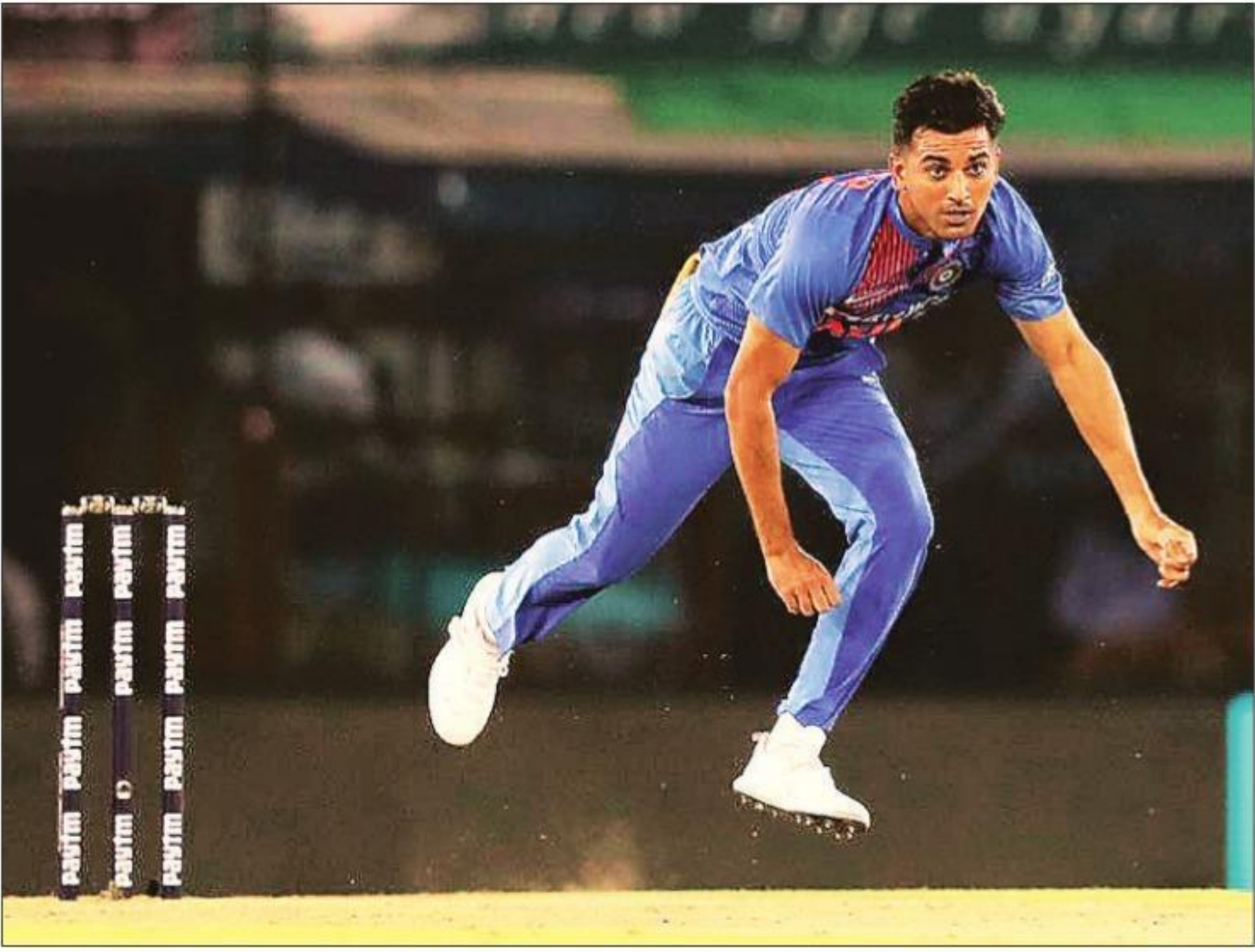
He turned to his father Lokendra Singh Chahar, his coach and mentor, who advised him to stick to his strength, which is swing, and add pace incrementally. Chahar was restless but knew the wisdom of his father's words. So the day the doctor cleared him of jaundice, he was up and running at his father's cricket academy on the outskirts of Agra.

"I told him not to try too hard as it could upset his rhythm and action. Just bowl normally, work into a spell and then gradually increase his pace. Just one fine day, you can't become a 140kmph bowler, and more importantly, it shouldn't be at the expense of swing and control," he remembers.

By the start of the subsequent season, Chahar did manage to get quicker without compromising on pace. But then struck a raft of injuries, one after the other. Just before the start of his third season, he tore a muscle in his lower abdomen, missing the first five games. At the start of the fourth season, he split the webbing in his right hand and missed the first four games. The big dream was crashing into the gutters. From a 40-wicket first season, someone seemed to be playing a trick with his destiny, as he could bargain just nine scalps at an average of 112. Chahar was battered, but his father reassured and motivated him, with a line from one of his favourite movies, the Amir Khan starrer *Three Idiots* where the character played by Khan counsels his friends: "Follow your dream, not your fortunes."

Chahar returned to grab 21 wickets at 21.52 from four games, but the father and son knew there was more sweat to be shed in his quest to become the best bowler in the country.

First, they assessed why his body was breaking down so often. "He was training excessively and so his body became stiff. He was losing flexibility," his father says. At the time, Chahar had bought into the common mistake of young seamers that more muscle meant more pace. So to build leaner muscles, he sought the help of a local martial arts expert. "I told him to bowl and run more than hit the gym. He worked really hard in the off-season," he adds.



Deepak Chahar's economy rate in the Powerplay is 5.3. *BCCI*

## Kohli reprimanded for contact with Hendricks

*Bengaluru:* Virat Kohli has received an official warning and one demerit point for violating ICC Code of Conduct when he made an inappropriate shoulder contact with pacer Beuran Hendricks during the third T20 International against South Africa here.

Kohli was found guilty of a Level 1 breach of the ICC Code of Conduct in the match which South Africa won by nine wickets on Sunday. The incident occurred in the fifth over of India's innings, when Kohli made contact with bowler Beuran Hendricks while taking a run.

"Kohli was found to have breached Article 2.12 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to 'Inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator)' during an International Match," the ICC said.

In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to his disciplinary record, for whom it was the third offence since the introduction of the revised Code in September 2016. Kohli now has three demerit points

after having got one demerit point each during the Pretoria Test against South Africa on January 15, 2018 and against Afghanistan in World Cup 2019 on June 22.

"Kohli admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Richie Richardson of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees, and as such, there was no need for a formal hearing," the ICC said. On-field umpires Nitin Menon and C K Nandan, third umpire Anil Chaudhary and fourth official Chettihody Shamshuddin levelled the charge. *PTI*



VIRAT KOHLI

At the start of the 2014-15 season, Chahar's morale was as high as it had ever been. He had added a few yards of pace and was free of injuries. Only to realise that he couldn't swing the ball as prodigiously as he once did, and wasn't quite the same force. The next two seasons fetched him only 35 wickets at 36, and he was gradually slipping out of the selectors' consciousness. His career was on the proverbial precipice. His action was a mess, his mind was messier. But Chahar wasn't someone to surrender all too easily. The successive setbacks had forged a mongrel spirit. "I thought I would give my all before I disappear. I will keep fighting. The rest I will leave to destiny," he had admitted in an interview to this paper last year.

The father-son pair would hit the academy nets before sunrise during the chilling Agra winters and would practise till late afternoon. The run-up strides were shortened, the leap during load-up was trimmed, and Chahar became more side-on at release. The run-up was shorter but faster and smoother, which meant he had momentum into the crease. Emphasis

was put on his wrist position and release. Previously, his body used to slant too much to his right at the time of release, hampering balance. But now, it is straighter. More importantly, he stopped worrying about playing for India. "His mind became clearer and freer," his father says.

While the rewards weren't instant, destiny began to fall into place, piece by piece. At the 2018 IPL auction, Chennai Super Kings picked him. Though injury-ravaged his tenure was with the Rising Pune Supergiants in 2016, he had left MS Dhoni and coach Stephen Fleming impressed. "The thing I liked about him was that he was always looking to learn new things, was always chipping in with ideas even when he was not playing," Fleming had remarked last year.

The CSK stint was to change Chahar's career in more ways than one. That he managed to win the confidence of Dhoni lifted his morale to such an extent that he shed the insecurities that had afflicted him. Besides, there were a host of bowlers such as Dwayne Bravo,

Shane Watson and Lungi Ngidi and coaches such as Andy Bichel and L Balaji from whom he could pick new weapons and nuance his craft. By the time the season ended, he had not only restored his plummeting stock but also strengthened his repertoire with new weapons, like a variety of slower balls — both the knuckle and cutter types — a slow bouncer, a sharp yorker and the game sense to know which one to use against which batsman at what juncture of the match. And all this without sacrificing his swing, a handy weapon even in the shortest format.

Chahar wouldn't just look to york batsmen out or pound the full length in search of swing when it's non-existent. Rather he's quick to sum up conditions and batsman and bowl accordingly. Like in the second T20I against South Africa when Temba Bavuma was playing the short ball comfortably, he began alternating the length between good and back-of-a-length, cleverly mixing up the pace and eventually dismissed the batsman with a slower ball.

But generally, in his first spell, Chahar probes a fuller length, in search of swing. And all he needs, as he demonstrated at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday, is just the slightest of assistance from the surface to move the ball around. And swing, at any pace, makes batting difficult, making him one of the finest powerplay bowlers around. So much so that the team management will be wondering how to accommodate him in the playing XI when Bhuvneshwar returns. Chahar's overall economy rate in T20Is is a golden six, in the powerplays it's 5.3. De Kock and Reeza Hendricks would testify. And these days, he swings at pace, allied with supreme control.

Chahar's resurgence as a T20 bowler has carried over to first-class cricket too. In the previous season, he took 11 wickets at 23 in four games. Recognition winked as a call-up to the A team that played New Zealand. Chahar claims he's not too worried about whether he would play red-ball cricket for the country.

"I'm just enjoying my cricket, not thinking too far ahead," he recently said. He's thus feeling the summer of 2010 all over again. Even better, for he's not only swinging the ball, but doing it at a brisk pace. And in the blue of his country.

# You cannot keep a player like Rohit out of the Test team: Zaheer

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER INDIAN fast bowler Zaheer Khan feels the team management has made the right move by deciding to open with Rohit Sharma in the forthcoming three-Test series against South Africa. On the sidelines of the T10 event, scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi, Zaheer, also spoke about why the team management shouldn't be impatient when it comes to Rishabh Pant. Excerpts:

**The senior selection committee chairman MSK Prasad has said that Rohit Sharma will open in Tests. How do you view this move?**

It's good if he opens. I think he (Rohit) will feel comfortable as well because he already opens in white-ball cricket. Virender Sehwag had also said that the best thing that happened to him was opening in Test cricket after opening in ODIs. The rhythm is set for him because he has been opening for a long time. He is in a zone now. What happens is, when you bat at four or five position, a batsman has to wait. That can upset a batsman's rhythm. The comfort zone is the key.

**But in Sehwag's case he got to open in Test cricket much earlier in his career than Rohit?**

But Rohit is in the form of his life right now. So, it's understandable that one wants to see him play more games right now.

**How much patience do you think the Indian team management should show in Rohit's case in Test cricket. He is 32 and there are young players like Prithvi Shaw who will try to make a comeback?**

Time will only tell but the decision which has been taken now is on the lines that you can't keep a player like Rohit out of the team. It's an opportunity for Rohit and also for the team to have such an in-form player. It also needs to be seen that in the coming home series will India go with four bowlers or five bowlers? In the West Indies, three fast bowlers and one spinner played. In India, two spinners will play, so will the team go for only two seamers? Or will the team go with five bowlers.

**Have you spoken to him about playing Tests?**

Of course, he is keen to play. When you look at the series which went by, including the England one, if Rohit had been there it could have made a difference. When you have someone like Rohit in the team, he deserves to be part in the playing eleven.

**Do you relate Rohit and Yuvraj's career, especially in Test cricket. Both are most successful in ODI format?**

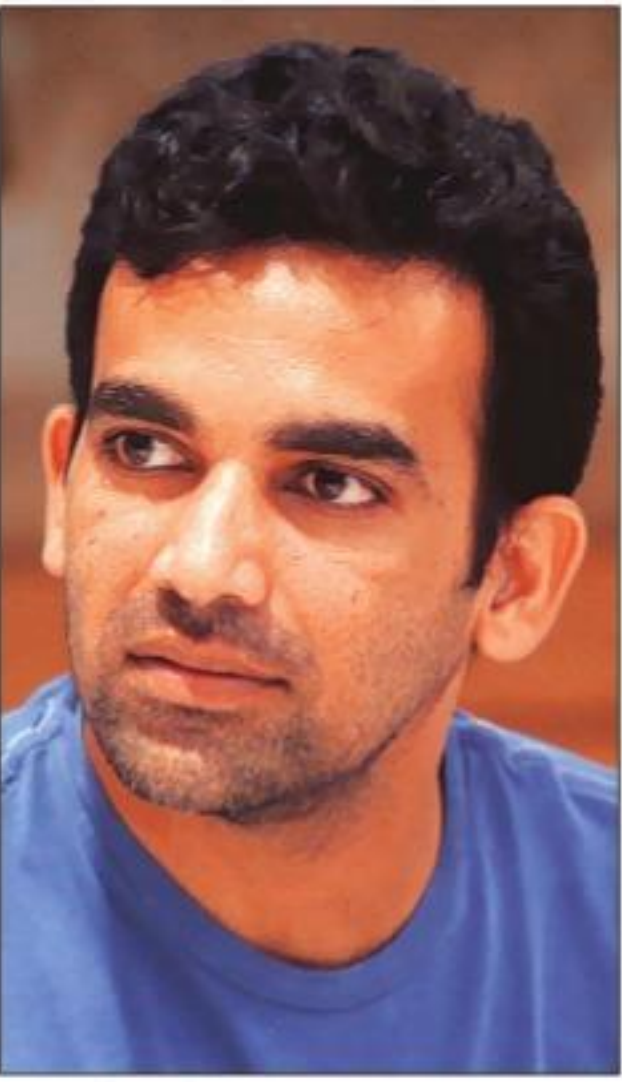
Not really. Rohit has faced different kind of challenges in Test cricket and he himself has put his hand up for opening the innings.

**Do you think this series will be a make or break one for Rohit's Test career?**

No, I clearly don't see this series as a make or break one for him. The team management needs to have clarity on whether you want a player or don't want a player. There is no doubt Rohit will succeed. Do you have any doubts about it?

**Is this best bowling unit India has ever had?**

Bowling unit all put together, you can say that. We always had special talent coming along. If you recall 2003, there was the experience of Srinath, myself, Ashish (Nehra), Ajit (Agarkar), we contributed to the team's success. Over the years, you are seeing this impact of access to the knowl-



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ZAHEER KHAN,  
ON ROHIT SHARMA

edge, in terms of preparation, the fitness level. The gap has reduced and that has had a positive impact. One of the main reasons for India's success was playing with five bowlers. I think that we never used to have that often. Five bowlers do create that intensity and help take 20 wickets.

**How does one preserve Bumrah, especially with non-stop cricket happening?**

Bumrah should play as many games as possible, I always endorse that. More matches you play, more experience you get. That bowling rhythm and fitness is very important. You have to strike that right balance. The way Bumrah has evolved in such a short span of time has been remarkable. He is a thinking bowler. You can achieve such success, when you keep improving, keep thinking, keep upgrading.

**Are people getting a bit restless over Rishabh Pant's failures? Even Indian team management?**

He is a great talent who needs to be nurtured in the right way. It's the responsibility of team management to have an environment where he can flourish as a player. He has shown what kind of ability he has; he is a match-winner. We have to create a platform to make him express his talent rather than burden him by expectations.

**But if you are getting so many chances and still fail?**

You need to create an environment; you have to send him in a situation which will make things easy for him. Try to send him when there is not too much of a pressure situation. He can take his time and play out his innings.

# CoA seeks clarification on SC order

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 23

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) has filed an application before the Supreme Court, seeking clarifications/modifications in the apex court's September 20 order. The order directed that disqualification in state associations' polls would be restricted only to those who had held position of office-bearers. It also allowed Tamil Nadu Cricket Association to go ahead with its election for the post of assistant secretary.

The CoA headed by Vinod Rai, however, has mentioned in its application that the direction issued by the court could be "erroneously construed" in such a manner "so as to override" the apex court's July 18, 2016 and August 9, 2018 judgments. Last Monday, the CoA had issued a '9+9 advisory', which had clubbed an individual's tenure in the working/managing/executive panel with his/her term as an office-bearer.

CoA sources said this was issued in accordance with the Lodha reforms, to ensure that those who have been part of different panels for over 9 years don't get a chance to continue. For example, former BCCI vice-president Chirayu Amin's son Pranav filed his nomination for the Baroda Cricket Association president's post after SC's order. As per the CoA advisory, he was ineligible, as he has had been part of the BCA managing committee for 12 years. The CoA in its application also mentioned how the TNCA and Haryana Cricket Association (HCA) haven't adhered to the new constitution.

Earlier, the Hyderabad Cricket Association's electoral officer VS Sampath and Cricket Association of Bengal's electoral officer Sushanta Ranjan Upadhaya had refused to incorporate '9+9 advisory'.

## PRE-POLL WATCH

JKCA, MCA want elections postponed, while former CEC turns down CoA's request to oversee RCA polls.

**JKCA MEMBERS WANT ELECTION TO BE DEFERRED**

Few members of districts association of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association have written to the CoA seeking JKCA election date be postponed as many of them haven't got the election notice because of communication breakdown in the Valley. After the Centre abrogated Article 370 in the region, members want the CoA to keep current situation in mind and allow JKCA to extend the deadline of September 28 for holding the election.

**NO THANK YOU: KRISHNAMURTY**

Former chief election commissioner TS Krishnamurthy has for the second time turned down a request made by CoA to hold the election in Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA). BCCI had appointed Krishnamurthy to conduct the elections in RCA whose suspension was revoked a few weeks ago. However, things got ugly when RCA members during meeting with Krishnamurthy accused the former CEC of leaking emails to another group. The allegation made Krishnamurthy leave office midway and fly to his home in Chennai. Krishnamurthy has informed CoA that he won't be able to hold the post of the electoral officer and requested the board to appoint a new one.

**BCA ELECTION ILLEGAL**

A member of Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) Atul Parikh, who is contesting for the post of a treasurer in the forthcoming election, has emailed the CoA, stating how BCA is conducting an illegal election by flaunting BCA's constitution. As per BCA website, 'a candidate can contest only for one post', however, electoral officer Vares Shinh has given the go-ahead for candidates to file nomination for multiple posts. "All the contestants were given enough time to withdraw their multiple nomination forms and everybody did it except four persons who choose not to withdraw. This is another way to sabotage the democratic process, hence all the above four candidates stand disqualified. There cannot be different rules for different persons," Parikh pleaded in his email.

**MCA WANTS POLLS IN OCTOBER**

The Mumbai Cricket Association has requested the CoA to allow the association hold the election in the second week of October as the time allotted to register their amended constitution is not sufficient. MCA had to come on board to hold election after Supreme Court latest order which asked every association to host election in their respective state. It is learnt that the CoA has turned down the request and MCA will have to look for a fresh date. *ENS*

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VETERAN CRICKETER Madhav Apte died after suffering a cardiac arrest here on Monday morning, a family member said. He was 86.

The former India and Mumbai opener was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital where he breathed his last at 6.09 am, his son Vaman Apte told *PTI*.

Madhav Apte played seven Tests in which he scored 542 runs, with a lone century and three fifties to his credit. His highest score was 163 not out. He had a much better first class record where he scored 3,336 runs from 67 matches, including six hundreds and 16 fifties. His highest first-class score was 165 not out. He made his Test debut against Pakistan at the Cricket Club of India (CCI) in Mumbai in November 1952 and played his last test against West Indies at Kingston in April 1953. On his debut Test, he made 30 and 10 not out, respectively.

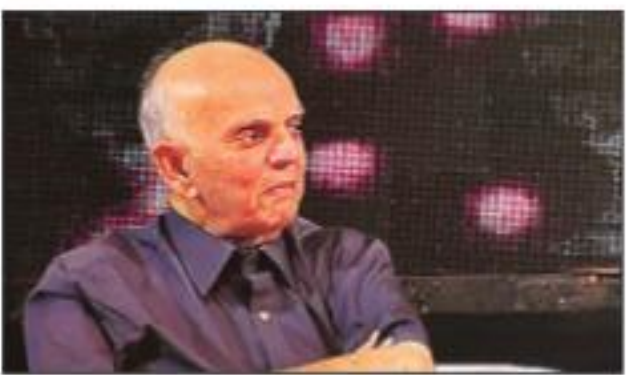
He was the first Indian opener to aggregate over 400 runs in a Test series (460 runs against West Indies in 1953). He also captained Mumbai in domestic cricket.

Madhav Apte was assigned as the opening batsman by legendary Vinoo Mankad. He played along with several legendary cricketers, including Mankad, Polly Umrigar, Vijay Hazare and Rusi Modi. He earlier also served as president of the iconic CCI, an official said. He played the Kanga League till he was 70 years old.

Till his last breath, he was president of the 'Legends Club', a group formed to celebrate



Sunil Gavaskar pays his condolences; (Below) File photo of Apte. *Express*



the achievements of different sportspersons.

His funeral was held in the afternoon at Shivaji Park crematorium and attended by veteran cricketers Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar and former Mumbai stalwart





# Of underdogs and a legend

Georgians win over local fans with their never-say-die spirit despite conceding a big lead; Samoa keep their faith in the young and the old, while a managerial great provides tips for England.

### WELSH SCARED AND SCATTERED

THE JAPANESE neutrals at the Toyota stadium got behind the Georgian team after they trailed 29-0 to Wales at half time, and were rewarded with a rousing performance from the aubergine shirts. The country with a proud wrestling history and known for its roaring scrummagers moved the crowd against the Dragons with a show of pristine strength, as they refused to roll over and submit to the Welsh.

In a passage describing the savagery, written by Samuel Lovett in the Independent, “the hits came thick and fast. Justin Tipuric, no shrinking violet, was picked up and thrown backwards, a paper bag caught in the wind. Alun Wyn Jones, a mountain of a man, was placed on his backside in the centre of the park. Even George North was not immune to the new-found ferocity of the Georgians. He found himself subject to a well-executed tackle from Georgia’s 9, Vasil Lobzhanidze, who shunted the Welsh wing a good few yards backwards upon the point of collision.”

The Welsh scrum came under sustained pressure as Mikheil Nariashvili and Beka Gigashvili wreaked havoc among the forwards. Knowing this threat beforehand mattered little, as the Welsh couldn’t stem the two tries that came, “as a result of the two men boring in against their opponents to force the penalty, which was quickly followed by a tap-and-go, three phrases of play and, finally, the touch down by Levan Chilachava.”

### PM ANNOUNCED TEAM; ONLY LOCAL LAD MOST PROLIFIC SCRUM HALF

Samoa, who take on Russia on Tuesday, had the distinction of having the island nation’s Prime Minister, also Samoa Rugby Union Chair, PM Tuilaepa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, flanked by coach Steve Jackson, announce their World Cup squad in August. Melani Matavao, 23, was the only local-based Samoan to be named in the 31-member squad. “Should he come off the bench, the youngest team member has the chance to add to his seven tries in nine matches. No scrum-half in the professional era has scored more tries in their first 10 appear-



Georgia produced a spirited second-half performance despite trailing heavily against Wales on Monday. Reuters

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ALEX FERGUSON  
FORMER MANCHESTER UNITED MANAGER IN A MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH TO ENGLAND SQUAD

ances,” according to rugbyworldcup.com. At 37 years and 268 days, halfback Tusi Pisi surpasses Peter Fatialofa (36 years 45 days) as the oldest Samoan to play at a Rugby World Cup, while Ed Fidow will debut, having scored eight tries in his first eight appearances for Samoa. No Samoa player has been more prolific in their first eight games in the professional era.

Matavao is a rarity, though, coming through Samoa’s PPS Super 9 competition as a key player for the Aana Chiefs. He played for the Manu Samoa 7s and is the rare breed that has not yet whisked away to play abroad.

### FERGUSON COLLEGES RUGGERS

Former United manager Alex Ferguson gave a motivational speech to the England squad in June, when he was a surprise guest speaker at a training camp in Bristol. “The message was be patient and that’s what I enjoyed about our team, there was no sign of panic and they kept on playing good rugby and the try came,” said Eddie Jones of the Tonga match. Lock Mark Itoje said the players were in awe of his advice, *The Telegraph* reported. “It was very cool. He didn’t tell us when he was coming in. So he walked in to the room and everyone almost swallowed some spit. It was: it’s actually him. Ferguson said ‘When the pressure’s on, don’t shoot, you’ll find a way to get into a better scoring position’. He didn’t like guys shooting outside the box when the pressure is on. I think we can take a lot out of that. When the pressure is on, it’s not about the elaborate play, it’s not about the 50-50; it’s about doing the right thing.”



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